



Sermon Notes

Series: Upward Investments

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Sermon: **How the Tithe Became a Tip**

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WHAT IS TITHING

- Literally means “a tenth.” Practically it is “giving to God _____.”

IN THE BIBLE, THE TITHE WAS PRACTICED AS...

- An act of **Gratitude** (Genesis 14)
- An act of _____ (Genesis 28 • 2Corinthians 12:14-15)
- An act of **Obedience** (Leviticus 27:30–32 • Deut. 14:22–24 • Neh. 13:5, 12)
- An act of **Sacrifice** (Luke 21 • Acts 2 • 2Corinthians 8 & 9)
- An act of _____ (2Chronicles 31:4–6 • 2Corin. 8 • Phili. 4:10-23)

Don't ask, “How much do I have to give?” Rather, ask, “How much _____?”

TITHING HAS BECOME A TIP

- An _____ instead of an obligation.
- An _____ instead of a spiritual discipline of worship of God.
- Based on what I can _____ rather than being sacrificial like Christ.
- Based on what's _____ rather than giving to God first.
- Giving to _____ rather than to support Jesus' mission of the local church.
- Give when _____ rather than give to God because He gave me whatever I have.

Malachi 3:8

THREE HABITS OF THOSE WHO INVEST UPWARD:

1. _____ no matter what.
(Proverbs 3:9-10 • 2 Corinthians 8:12-13 • 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 • Philippians 4:15-19)
2. Live _____ so you stay out of _____.
(Proverbs 12:9 • Proverbs 21:17)
3. Live a _____ your means so you can _____ and give beyond a tithe, becoming a generous giver to the Great Commission!
(Proverbs 21:20; Acts 4:36-37)



LIFE GROUP Questions

Please Fill Out the Following BEFORE Arriving at Your Life Group

1. GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Share with your group your name and what you hope to gain from being part of this Life Group.

2. SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS:

3. REVIEW: What was the one big thing from Sunday's worship/sermon that blessed, encouraged, confused, or challenged you?

4. DIGGING DEEPER: (as a group discuss your answers of as many of the following as time allows)

- a) What do Deuteronomy 26:12-13 & Proverbs 3:9-10 teach us about the *Principle of Giving to God First*?

- b) What do 1Timothy 6:17-19 & 2Corinthians 8:1-4 teach us about our *Attitude about Giving*?

- c) What *practical* principles for giving can we learn from 1Corinthians 16:1-4?

- d) 1 Timothy 5:17 refers to the portion of our tithes that are used to support our pastor as a way to honor the pastor. Also read 2Chronicles 31:4-6. Why is supporting your pastor and local church important? How is it an act of honor? Why is it necessary for accomplishing God's mission in the world?

5. APPLICATION:

- a) Consider how your life and giving habits are aligned with the Bible's teachings.
- b) Pray for God's wisdom to become so generous that your life is a reflection of the character of Jesus.
- c) Pray for HBChurch's financial ability to support the gospel-missions locally, nationally, and globally.