

GIVE. SAVE. LIVE.

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Week #1 - GIVE

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"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of the world...People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

1 Timothy 6:6-7, 9-10

Give First

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." Proverbs 3:9

Tithe = 10%

Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:22

Divine Partnership

Malachi 3:6-12; Deuteronomy 15:10; Proverbs 11:25; Luke 6:38

Tithing and Our Hearts

Matthew 23:23; Deuteronomy 14:22-23; 1 Corinthians 16:2;
Matthew 6:19-20

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. What emotions does the challenge to GIVE first raise in you? Why do you think that is? What does it reveal about your view of money...your view of God?
2. You probably know what amount of money you made last year. What amount did you give? Does it reveal obedience to the biblical mandate to tithe or does it place you in the Malachi 3:8 category?
3. What practical steps can you take to realign yourself with the GIVE, SAVE, LIVE formula?
4. The consumerism of our culture isn't going to go away. The "desire to acquire" is going to be a constant challenge. How can you stay accountable to this commitment to GIVE first?