

THY KINGDOM COME

**WE CAN'T
GIVE GOD
ANYTHING**



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Luke 6:38

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

- Now that we have satisfied the question that tithing is still relevant and necessary today, the key in the kingdom is that tithing is a starting point. But the option for what a person invests removes limitation and opens new possibilities.
- The standard for the Old Testament is set very low in relationship to what it is when we come into the new covenant.
- Outcomes are always measured by input. So, the connection to benefits is directly connected to what we set in motion by our faith, commitment, and trust in God's word.
- Remember, the same measure which you mete will be measured again back to you with interest.

Proverbs 3:9-10

9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

- Notice here that Proverbs reads, “Honour the Lord.” How? With the first fruits of your increase. This already speaks to the fact that you are prospering because you are tied into God’s economy.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (The Message)

- 1 Be generous: Invest in acts of charity.
Charity yields high returns.
- 2 Don't hoard your goods; spread them around.
Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night.
- 3 When the clouds are full of water, it rains.
When the wind blows down a tree, it lies where it falls.
- 4 Don't sit there watching the wind. Do your own work.
Don't stare at the clouds. Get on with your life.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (The Message)

5 Just as you'll never understand
the mystery of life forming in a pregnant woman,
So you'll never understand
the mystery at work in all that God does.

6 Go to work in the morning
and stick to it until evening without watching the clock.
You never know from moment to moment
how your work will turn out in the end.

Matthew 10:40-42

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

- This text is clearly confirming that God sees those who truly work for him as his representatives in the earth.
- In the absence of Jesus, his delegated authority operates on his behalf. When people honor his delegated authority, they are in essence honoring him.

Matthew 10:40-42

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

- Jesus doubles down on the fact that those who operate in the kingdom on his behalf are good investments and that the return is the benefit of the prophet's reward without the prophet's burden of responsibility.
- The nature of the return depends on the nature of the seed sown or invested into the kingdom and those who stand in God's stead.

Luke 10:16

16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Matthew 10:40-42

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

- Again, the reward is connected to the faith and understanding of the benefit of the investment.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

- Sowing and investing is connected to the heart and the attitude in which we invest or sow our seed.

Matthew 26:6-16

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, **Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.**

Matthew 26:6-16

11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.