

Habits of Disciples: The “How” of Giving

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house, and test me in this, says the LORD of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?”
Malachi 3:10

1. GOD ASKS US TO TITHE.

“A tenth of all you produce belongs to the Lord, it is sacred to Him.”
Lev.27:30

“Each of you shall tithe... so that you may learn to place God first in your life.” Dt. 14:23

2. GIVING SHOULD BE AN EXPRESSION OF OUR THANKFULNESS.

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me...To you will I offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.” Ps 116

3. GIVING IS DONE IN AN ATTITUDE OF LOVE.

“If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love...you are my friends if you do what I command you.” John 15:10-13

4. GIVING SHOULD BE DONE CHEERFULLY AND WITHOUT PRESSURE.

“Each person must give what he has decided in his heart to give, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2Cor. 9:7

5. GIVING SHOULD BE DONE WITH AN EXPECTATION OF RETURN.

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2Cor. 9:6

6. GIVING FLOWS FROM OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD.

“For according to their means, I can testify, and beyond their means, spontaneously, they begged us insistently for the favor of taking part in the service to the holy ones, and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord.” 2Cor. 8:6-7