

Treasure Principle

Training Wheels

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¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.
Matthew 6:19-21

TITHE – “tenth part” or **10%** of a person's wealth

Before the “Law”

Abram gave him a tenth of everything. Genesis 14:20
of all that you give me I (Jacob) will give a full tenth to you. Genesis 28:22

Moses' Law
Numbers 18:8

After the Law
1 Timothy 5:17-18, 1 Corinthians 9:7-14

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Required:

Voluntary:

- The OT did command every Hebrew citizen, rich or poor, to give 10% of their wealth.
- The NT does NOT command believers to give 10% of their wealth.

Both **PROVIDED** for those who ministered & were acts of **WORSHIP**.

GOD'S HEART Malachi 3:8-10

- God requires that **HE** be my first priority.
- God rewards **OBEDIENCE** to his commands.
- God wants to **GIVE** good things to His children.
- God desires to **MULTIPLY** what we have when we willingly give it away.

³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Lk 6:38 (Pr 6:38)

Give away what God has given you, and He will multiply it **BACK** 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, Galatians 6:7-10

TREASURE KEY #6

God prospers me not to raise my standard of **LIVING**, but to raise my standard of **GIVING**. 2 Corinthians 9:11

On the first day of the week, each of you should set aside some income and save it to the extent that God has blessed you, (according to what you have acquired) so that a collection will not have to be made when I come. 1 Corinthians 16:2

⁷*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9:7

- you gave your offering legitimate thought **BEFORE** meeting together with other believers
- you came **PREPARED** to give
- you considered your earnings & set aside a **PART** that you wanted to put in God's hands.

TREASURE DARE CHALLENGE

- 1 – **SHARE** your income & expenses with a mature believer and ask, “where can I do better in managing my riches for God?”
- 2 – If you don't give regularly, **START** next Sunday.
- 3 – Try setting aside **10%** of your income & every week for the next 6 months, give.