

THE LIFE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED – 4

A Heart Touched by God

- A heart touched by God _____ generously and starts with the _____.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Tithe = Tenth

Record for charitable giving in 2020 - \$471 Billion, a 5.1% increase

Those making less than \$50k/yr. gave a greater % of their income

7 of our 10 top giving states were from the south

Giving still lower % than during The Great Depression

80% of charitable giving in the US comes from individuals

Americans are 7 times more generous than Europeans

The avg family gives \$2,514

27% of any church give nothing

5% give regularly – 2.5% of their income

75-90% of church attenders do not tithe

Those that start to tithe usually don't stop there, keep giving until they get to 20%

If everyone in America tithed, we would have \$165 Billion more for the Kingdom of God

1. Tithing was _____ in the New Testament.

Matthew 23:23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

2 Corinthians 8:3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2. The tithe was clearly _____ in the Law.

Leviticus 27:30 “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 26:13 Then say to the Lord your God: “I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them.

Malachi 3:10-12 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. ¹² “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

“If you can’t live on 90%, you can’t live on 100%. It doesn’t require a miracle for you to get through the month!” – Dave Ramsey

“Give to God what is right – not what is left.” – Pastor Adrian Rogers

3. The tithe _____ the Law.

Genesis 14:19-20 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.
²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”
Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

