

# Session 14

## Tithes and Offering.

Understanding the heart of God in the area of offering will help the disciple to grow strong in his/her faith in Christ and will strengthen the church to fulfil God's plans and purposes.

1. There is a mighty power in giving. Understanding the heart of God in giving is a power many Christians are missing.
2. God gave us His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Can He not give us everything else?
3. The church in general is missing a great power and blessing by not giving in the right way.
4. We are in a spiritual warfare against the power of darkness. We need very much all the weapons to fight a good fight. Luke 11:21-22 said "When a strong man fully armed guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all armour in which he trusted, and divides his spoils."
5. The kingdom of God in His church is against the kingdom of evil in Satan and his agents.
6. Giving is one of the strong spiritual weapons against the kingdom of evil. 2Corinthians 10:3-4 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."
7. The power of giving is able to pull down strongholds of the evil in the world to: Safeguard children, Create justice, Strengthen the poor, Preach the gospel, Revive the church and Build the Kingdom of God.
8. Giving is an act of worship. God wanted them to bring offerings; from everyone who gives willingly from his heart. For the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and for all its service. Exodus 35:21.
9. Giving is a commandment of God. Malachi 3:7-10 "Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My

ordinances. And have not kept them. Return to Me and I will return to you says the Lord of hosts. But you said, in what way shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, in what way have we robbed you? In tithes and offering. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in My house. And try Me now in this says the Lord of hosts. If I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you such blessing. That there will not be room enough to receive it.”

10. Many Christians think that tithing is for the Old Testament only. We are in the grace covenant. Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil”. And in Matthew 23:23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matter of law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

### **Questions for all.**

1. Q. Why do we have to give?

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2. Q. Is giving spiritual and why?

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3. Q. Is tithing an Old Testament teaching, but not a New Testament teaching?

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4. Q. Can my giving really make a difference?

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5. Q. To whom do I give my money?

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