

Talk

For group discussion or personal reflection:

QUESTION 1

Through disobedience to God's precepts, it is possible to step out from under God's protective umbrella of favor and protection. Perhaps you have experienced that in some area of your life other than finances. If you are comfortable talking about it, what were the consequences and what did you do to realign your life with God's Word and will?

[T]hen you shall say before the LORD your God: 'I have removed the holy tithe from my house . . . [therefore] Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people (Deuteronomy 26:13, 15).

QUESTION 2

In praying for God's blessings on a certain area of your life, what happens to your level of faith and confidence when you know you have been obedient to the Word in that area?

QUESTION 3

Read 1 John 3:18-22. What does this passage indicate about the link between our obedience, our confidence in prayer before God, and the results we get? What is the cure for a condemning heart according to 1 John 1:9?

QUESTION 4

Hebrews 7:8 suggests that when we tithe here on earth, Jesus spiritually receives those tithes in heaven. How does that knowledge impact your heart attitude as you bring your tithes and offerings?

QUESTION 5

Have you tended to view tithing as a burden or a benefit? What practical steps could you take to keep yourself mindful of the benefits of tithing?

PRAY

Take some time as a group to lift one another up in the light of the truths discussed in this session.

Explore

Want to go deeper? Here is some food for thought, prayer, and journaling in the coming week.

KEY QUOTE

"Let me tell you what you are telling Jesus every time you get paid. You're telling Him how much you think of Him. You're telling Him how much you love Him."

—Robert Morris

Write a note to Jesus expressing how you feel about Him.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Does what you expressed above align with the message you consistently send through your giving?

KEY VERSES

Malachi 3:8-12, II Chronicles 31:4, Deuteronomy 15:20, Matthew 5:17-20, Matthew 23:23, Hebrews 7:8, 1 John 3:18-22

What stands out to you as you read these verses?

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through these scriptures?

KEY QUESTION

Given that tithing is a test, what—according to your understanding of the Word—are the benefits of passing that test?

KEY PRAYER

Father, please give me the courage, trust and faith in Your goodness to bring the whole tithe into Your storehouse. Give me the fuller revelation that when I tithe, Jesus Himself receives it. And grace me with a sensitive, generous heart that promptly responds when Your Holy Spirit nudges me to give and share of the resources with which You have entrusted me.