Answer Key:

What Jesus said about Money...

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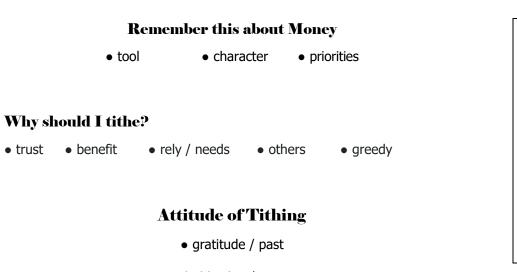
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What is Tithing?

• 10%



- prioritization / present
 - faith / future

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Part 9

"No More Leftovers"

Malachi 3:10 NCV

"<u>Bring to the storehouse a full tenth</u> of what you earn so there will be food in my house. <u>Test me</u> in this," says the LORD All-Powerful. "<u>I will open the windows of heaven</u> for you and <u>pour out all the</u>

blessings you need.

Introductory Statement Jesus had a lot to say about money because He knows what we think. <u>He knows how we worry about money</u>. He knows how we stress over things. He knows how that becomes a part of every one of our lives<u>.</u> So, He taught about money in a way that <u>takes our worry and changes it into peace</u>. That takes the stress that we have over things in our lives and in its place puts a sense of God's purpose and presence and plan for our lives. That is what God has to say and teach to us about everything about possessions and money as He teaches about it.

What Jesus said about Money...

• About ______ of everything that Jesus taught was about

possessions, about money, about things.

• The Bible mentions money over ______ times and of all of

Jesus' parables, more than half of them talked about money.

•Two truths about our money: it will not last, but it can impact eternity.

• The only subject that Jesus talked more about than money was the

kingdom of God.

Jesus also said....

- Give to the ______ who asks of you. Matthew 5:42
- Don't make a ______ of your giving. Matthew 6:2
- Store up _____ in heaven. Matthew 6:19-21
- ______ about money can strangle your spirituality.

Matthew 13:3,7

• Wealth's security can ______ us to our real needs.

Revelation 3:17 NIV

There is no question that money can bring value to God's kingdom. Wealth can be an incredible asset in the hands of the faithful. But we also need to be cognizant of the dangers. If our trust and security is not found in God alone, we are vulnerable to wealth's deceits. God cares about our finances and about how we use our money.

What is Tithing?

• A tithe is a *portion* (_____%) of your income given as an

offering to your local church. (Fun fact: The word tithe literally

means tenth in Hebrew.)

The reason why tithing is an important theme for Christians is

because it really is a symbol of how God calls us to live our lives

as stewards rather than owners.

Tithing is a Spiritual Discipline.

- Let me give you a *little secret* about any <u>area</u> of life.
- Whatever you want God to bless, put Him first in.

• God's very specific about this habit. He tells us not only when to do it, He

tells us how much, He tells us where to give it and He tells us why.

Proverbs 3:9-10 CEV

"Honor the Lord by giving him your money and the first part of all

your crops. Then you will have more grain and grapes than you will

ever need."

Tithing is a Matter of the Heart!

Why should I Tithe?

•The Bible tells us that tithing is a way to show that we

_____ God with our lives and our finances.

• Tithing is not for God's _____.

• Tithing is meant for our benefit because sacrificing a portion of our income

reminds us to ______ on God to meet our _____

• It makes us more aware of the needs of ______ too.

• Giving encourages a grateful and generous spirit and can help steer us

away from being ______ or loving money too much.

Remember this about Money.

Money is a ______to used

1 Timothy 6:18 NLT

"Tell, them to <u>use their money to do good</u>. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them."

Money is a Test of ______.

Luke 16:11 NLT

Jesus: "If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will

trust you with the true riches of heaven?"

• Throughout the Gospels, Jesus uses money as a tool to reveal our true

Attitude of Tithing

• It's ______ for the ______.

"God, I would not have anything if it weren't for you"

• It's ______ in the ______.

"God, I want you first in my life"

• It's a statement of ______ in the _____

"God, I believe that you are going to keep your promises".

How to Tithe?

- Giving should be an act of stewardship. **1 Peter 4:10 NIV**
- Giving should be an act of worship. Romans 12:1 NLT
- Giving should be proportionate. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 NLT
- Giving should be voluntary. 2 Corinthians 8:11-12 NLT
 - Giving should be planned. 2 Corinthians 9:3-5 NLT
 - Giving should be cheerful. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT
- Giving should be generous. 2 Corinthians 9:11-13 NLT

Setting a standard of giving, such as tithing, can help us do

what we believe in our hearts to be right even if our feelings

should waver.

Above all, all tithes and offerings should be given with pure motives and an

attitude of worship to God and service to the body of Christ.

The Results!

•When you are obedient, you *can* **w<u>alk</u>** with God.

- When you are obedient, you can **<u>obey</u>** God's voice.
 - When you are obedient, you will be **blessed**.

- When you are obedient, you are choosing God's **best**.
- When you are obedient, you are **trusting** God to be God.

When we obey, we don't try to control our lives and the situations around us by our own human strength.

Instead, we focus on the Lord by keeping Him and His Word

before our eyes and allowing Him to have His way and trusting

that He will fulfill His promises.

Start Today!