

Answer Key:

What Jesus said about Money...

- 1/3
- 800

Jesus also said....

- one
- show
- treasures
- Worrying
- blind

What is Tithing?

- 10%

Remember this about Money

- tool
- character
- priorities

Why should I tithe?

- trust
- benefit
- rely / needs
- others
- greedy

Attitude of Tithing

- gratitude / past
- prioritization / present
- faith / future

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Part 9

“No More Leftovers”

Malachi 3:10 NCV

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

Introductory Statement

Jesus had a lot to say about money because He knows what we think. He knows how we worry about money. He knows how we stress over things. He knows how that becomes a part of every one of our lives. So, He taught about money in a way that takes our worry and changes it into peace. 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 deceptions. 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 area 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 use their money to do good. 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* **walk** with God.
- When you are obedient, you can **obey** 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!