

IS SATAN STEALING FROM YOU?

John 10:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Luke 12:39 (KJV)

³⁹ And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT GOD COMMANDED US TO GIVE

LOVE MOVES TO GIVE

John 3:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

When you love you give

Who can build the house of the Lord?

Isaiah 66:1-2 (KJV)

¹ Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

² For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

God is looking for a simple and plain people who are responsive and reverent everything God says.

God is looking for people that are broken by the word of God, not cleverness or social status but people that fear and trembled at the word of the Lord.

Such people, God look over them. When God is looking at you all plans of darkness against your life will be aborted.

Psalm 37:25 (KJV)

²⁵ I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

GIVING UNTO THE LORD IS COMMANDED BY GOD

In the Old Testament

Exodus 35:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,

⁵ Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

In the New Testament

Luke 6:38 (KJV)

³⁸ Give, and it shall be given unto you;

Satan attacks our finances by moving us to disobey God and block our blessings.

FEW PRINCIPLES WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GIVING

PRINCIPLE 1: THERE IS MORE BLESSING IN GIVING THAN RECEIVING

Acts 20:35 (KJV)

³⁵ *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

PRINCIPLE 2: GIVE ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE IN YOUR HEART

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

PRINCIPLE 3: DON'T GIVE TO GOD THAT WHICH COST YOU NOTHING

2 Samuel 24:24 (KJV)

²⁴ *And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.*

PRINCIPLE 4: DON'T GIVE CARELESSLY TO GOD

Malachi 1:8 (KJV)

⁸ *And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.*

PRINCIPLE 5: YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW WITH INCREASE

Galatians 6:7 (KJV)

⁷ *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

Hosea 8:7 (KJV)

⁷ *For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind:*

PRINCIPLE 6: GOD GIVES ACCORDING TO OUR WAYS AND THE FRUIT OUR DOINGS

Jeremiah 17:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ *I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*

PRINCIPLE 7: NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM GOD – SO DON'T PLAY SMART WITH GOD

Amos 9:2-4 (KJV)

² *Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:*

³ *And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:*

⁴ *And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.*

PRINCIPAL TYPES OF GIVINGS IN THE BIBLE

4 MAIN TYPES OF GIVING IN THE BIBLE

1. TITHES

Its motivation: Obedience

Malachi 3:8-12 (KJV)

⁸ *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*

⁹ *Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*

¹⁰ *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

¹¹ *And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.*

¹² *And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.*

How much ? 10%

THE TITHES ARE DIVINE CONNECTION TO THE BLESSING

2. THE FIRSTFRUITS

Its motivation: Generosity

Proverbs 3:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ *Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*

¹⁰ *So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*

Ezekiel 44:30 (KJV)

³⁰ *And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.*

Firstfruits shows you don't love money- you give it to the church or to the ministry (Pastor)

It shows your gratitude to God for extra blessing – it's done once a year for each salary raised.

3. ALMS GIVING

Its motivation: Compassion

It is not giving to God but to mankind

Acts 10:31 (KJV)

³¹ And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

HOW DO WE HAVE TO DO IT?

Matthew 6:1-4 (KJV)

¹ Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

³ But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

⁴ That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Proverbs 19:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Percentage of returns is one to one returns: that's where people give most

4. SEED SOWING

Its motivation: Faith and reward

Mark 4:3-9 (KJV)

³ Harken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

⁴ And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

⁵ And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

⁶ But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

⁸ And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

⁹ And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

You have to be a tither before being a seed sower.