

## PRINCIPAL TYPES OF GIVINGS IN THE BIBLE

All satanic assaults against our finances are aimed to stop our blessings. It is important to understand the principal types of givings in the Bible for greater heights of relationship with the Lord.

### Acts 20:35-35 (KJV)

<sup>35</sup> *I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.***

### FOUR MAIN TYPES OF GIVING IN THE BIBLE

#### 1. TITHES

Its motivation: Obedience

#### Malachi 3:8-12 (KJV)

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

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

<sup>10</sup> ***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.***

<sup>11</sup> ***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.***

<sup>12</sup> ***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

#### Genesis 14:18-20 (KJV)

<sup>18</sup> *And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.*

<sup>19</sup> *And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: <sup>20</sup> And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*

#### 2. THE FIRSTFRUITS

Its motivation: Generosity

#### Exodus 23:19 (KJV)

<sup>19</sup> *The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God.*

#### Proverbs 3:9-10 (KJV)

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

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

#### Ezekiel 44:30 (KJV)

<sup>30</sup> *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 10:1-4 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> *There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,*

<sup>2</sup> *A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, **which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.***

<sup>3</sup> *He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.*

<sup>4</sup> *And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? **And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.***

**Acts 10:31 (KJV)**

<sup>31</sup> *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)**

<sup>1</sup> ***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.***

<sup>2</sup> ***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.***

<sup>3</sup> ***But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:***

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

**Proverbs 19:17 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> *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)**

<sup>3</sup> *Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:*

<sup>...8</sup> ***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.***

**Two versions of the same scripture**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *But this I say, **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*** <sup>7</sup> ***Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*** <sup>8</sup> ***And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:***

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (The Message)**

<sup>6-7</sup> *Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.*

<sup>8-11</sup> *God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.*