

I am Invested in God’s Church

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Matt. 6:19

- Our God created us to ‘Pour’ not ‘Store’!

Luke 12:18; 21

Luke 9:12-13 / Luke 9:16-17

What you keep is all you have.
But what you give, God multiplies.

- God didn’t give them more when they stored it.
- God gave them more when they poured it!

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Mal. 3:10

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life.**

TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

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- What’s something you’ve really invested in?
 - How do you feel about giving gifts? What’s more fun for you - giving or receiving gifts?
 - Read Matther 6:19. talk about how you grew up. Did you have a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset?
 - Talk about a time when you had an abundance mindset and how you were able to bless someone else. How did you see God's provision though your abundant mindset of generosity?
 - When we trust God with the tithe, He is faithful. How has your faith changed and grown since you started worshiping with the tithe, (10% of your increase)?
 - If you are giving but not tithing, what is keeping you from doing so?
 - Think about how God might want to use what He’s given you to bless others/ For the next seven days, spend intentional time praying for God to reveal any areas where you can live with a more abundant mindset.
 - Want to find out more about your God-given purpose? Check out the I’m In bible plan at YouVersion Bible
 - Join us in person this Sunday, or on line on Gateway Facebook or YouTube Church at Home.

I'm IN-Vested

April's Memory Verse: *Jesus Answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

Monday 4/26- Read Leviticus 27:30-34

Question: Why does God want a tithe or a tenth of our increase?

Truth: *A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. Vs.30*

Meditate: Leviticus 27:33- *No one may pick out the good from the bad or make any substitution. If anyone does make a substitution, both the animal and its substitute become holy and cannot be redeemed."*

Prayer: Father may my tithes, gifts and offerings bless you and glorify your Name.

Action: Give God a tenth of all my increase because it belongs to God and is Holy to him.

What will I give to God as my offering this week: _____

Tuesday 4/27- Read Malachi 3:6-12

Question: *"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'" "In tithes and offerings. Vs. 8*

Truth: *Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control. Vs. 28*

Meditate: Malachi 3:6- *"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.*

Prayer: Father I know I can trust in your promises.

Action: *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Vs. 10*

I will demonstrate my trust in God by: _____

Wednesday 4/28- Read Proverbs 11:24-25

Challenge: *Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and*

lose everything.

Truth: *The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*

Meditate: Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)- *But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.*

Praise: Father you have been generous to me, help me plan to be generous to others.

Action: Start being generous by making a plan to be generous.

What God is telling me to do: _____

Thursday 4/29- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Truth: *Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. Vs. 6*

Promise: *And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others Vs. 8*

Meditate: 2 Cor. 9:11- *Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.*

Prayer: *Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words! Vs. 15*

Action: *"For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.*

How generous can I be: _____

Friday 4/30- Read Philemon 1:1-7

Truth: Paul considers believers as his family, brothers, sisters, son or daughter.

Paul's prayer: *And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Vs. 6*

Meditate: Philemon 1:7- *Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has refreshed the hearts of the saints.*

Prayer: Lord you have been so generous to me, help me have the same heart of generosity.

Action: **Love desires to be generous.**

What is God calling me to do: _____