



WHEN WE PRAY

Luke 11:42

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Getting Started

- What has God been showing you during this Renovation of the Heart series?
- Have you had the opportunity to sit down with the repentance worksheet? What are you processing as a result of the that?

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 11:37-12:3

- How are the Pharisees and Scribes being hypocritical?
- How do each of the woes communicate something specific they are doing?

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Read Matthew 23:23-24

23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

- What criticism does Jesus make about how the Pharisees approach tithing?
- Why does Jesus say that tithing is not enough on its own?

- What does Jesus mean by “Do the latter without neglecting the former”?
- How does the passage describe the difference between tithing as a mechanical action and tithing done out of love for God?
- Why is it significant that Jesus did not discard the practice of tithing when he had the opportunity?
- What message does Jesus want to emphasize instead of rejecting tithing?

Leviticus 27:30

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.

- What were the primary purposes of the tithe?
- Why is the concept of a 10% tithe important in understanding God’s expectations for His people?
- What does it say about our faith when we are willing to give the first 10% back to God?
- How does the generosity of God in allowing His people to keep 90% of the crop demonstrate His care for them?
- What is the “deal of a lifetime” Kyle described?
- How does the analogy of the modern-day VRBO scenario Kyle mentioned help illustrate the concept of the tithe?
- What does Jesus’ stance on tithing suggest about its continued importance in the life of faith?

Putting It To Practice

1. God cares deeply about us showing his generosity of love and mercy to others.

- Are you approachable to others?
- Are you generous with those who work for you?
- Are you kind and compassionate toward your neighbors? All of them?
- Do you use your gifts to serve and bless others?
- Are you involved in making wrong things right in the world?

2. God cares deeply about how we steward the wealth he has entrusted to us.

On Sunday, Kyle shared 4 principles that can guide how we use our money:

- a. Everything we own belongs to God.
- b. Our wealth and possessions should be used for God's purposes.
- c. Worldly wealth is fleeting; heavenly treasure is eternal.
- d. Giving should be voluntary, generous, and sacrificial.
- e. **GIVING SHOULD BE IN RESPONSE TO THE CROSS**
 - Which of these principles most resonates with you? Why?
 - Which one is the hardest for you to receive? Why?

Test the Lord

Malachi 3:10

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.

- What does God mean when He says, "Test me in this"?
- What does this verse teach about God's faithfulness and trustworthiness?
- What are some practical steps we can take to ensure we honor God with our resources?