

Giving to the Kingdom of [which] God = Excerpts =

* As in construction, before a structure can be erected, a firm foundation must be established. The Word tells us that when we build on a firm foundation (a rock), the rain can fall, the floods can come and the winds can blow and beat upon that house, but it will not fall (Matthew 7:24, 25).

Our foundation from the Word of God will be established on three basic principles **unity, Spirit and love**. Each principle, as important as it is, when taken separately, will eventually come to an abrupt and fatal end. We cannot have unity without love - of God, of Christ and of the Brethren. Unity coupled with love - as good as it sounds - without the Spirit that created our entire being (life), is dead: "without life and void" (Genesis 1:2). We can have the 'life' which is of the Spirit, but still get nowhere without the unity of the whole, acting in that same Spirit. God's Word tells us that nothing works unless our heart attitude is based on [His] love - the giving kind of love.

I fully realize that these three principles are certainly not the only ones that we must *study to show ourselves approved*, but they are essential to the concept I wish to impart. Also, I believe three witnesses are sufficient to establish a truth. *

* When we talk about the *army, the church, the body, or the brethren*, we must understand the basic concept and framework of each of these terms and that is *unity!*

When we finally get hold of the revelation of how much power there is in unity; when we finally come to the place where we can join our faith in one accord; when we, as the body of Christ, join ourselves *together-with* the Holy Spirit, to *take hold against* the powers of darkness, what a great and glorious day that will be - **The Day of the Lord!**

Let's look back to the Old Testament, to the Tower of Babel, where the people were of one mind and see the power of unity: "Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" [Genesis 11:6]. *

* God is so gracious! He keeps opening the doors of knowledge to those who seek Him. His Word is so full of ways to bless His family. Let me explain.

Until recently, satan had just about every Christian convinced that poverty was the sign of spirituality and humility. What hogwash! Thank God that the Word is coming alive in believers. Deuteronomy 8:18 says, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." There's nothing in there about being weak or poor.

Why does the Father want us to get wealth? Deuteronomy 8:18 goes on to say, "...that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto thy fathers." God wants us to have riches not so that we can lavish them on ourselves, but so that the gospel can be preached. All through the Word God says He wants us to prosper and be in health [3 John 2]. The Word abounds with the knowledge of how to get wealth so that we can preach the gospel. *

* The sacrifice under the law was the sacrifice of the firstborn which ensured God's people of future blessing. Jesus is called the *firstborn among many brethren* [Romans 8:29] and the church is called the *church of the firstborn* [Hebrews 12:23]. It seems that God was obedient to His own Word and tithed His Firstborn in order to open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing so that there is not room enough to contain it [Malachi 3:10]. This shows the astronomical importance of tithing.

If we carry this on step further, the law of sowing and reaping must also be an absolute fact. God sowed Jesus in order to reap a harvest of like ones - the church.

Since God thought tithing so vital, how can we dare to think less? Yet in the past, we have only thought of tithing in passing. "If I have enough left over at the end of the month, then I'll tithe." No! God gave the first fruit - His very best. We must follow His example. Tithing should be our first priority for the success of the church in spreading the gospel and in ultimately bringing back the Lord. *

* Since we are responsible for where our money goes, we should make it our business to seek out those [individuals or businesses] who know God and walk in His Word. This would ensure that our output becomes the individuals' or the businesses' income, one tenth of which would be channeled into God's storehouse.

WE GIVE ONE-TENTH, BUT WHO GETS THE OTHER NINE-TENTHS?

Out of the nine-tenths, how much gets back to God and how much goes to the work of the devil? Do we know for sure that we are bringing 'all' the tithe into the storehouse, or are we doing what it says in Malachi 3:9 - robbing God?

The greatest portion of our income may go to a large corporation such as a bank, finance company, or mortgage company, for rent payments, mortgage payments and loan payments. Is the bank teller or the finance company manager a Christian [and a tither]? Is there a Christian on the board of directors?

This makes our nine-tenths far more important than we realize. Not only could we be robbing God, but we could be doubly erring by feeding the devil unawares. Not only that, but some folks have been very smug and confident thinking that we have been doing right in our one-tenth tithe, when all along we could have increased that tenth and given 30 or 60 percent [or more] to the kingdom of God. *

* Christians who have started up a business based on Christian principles have set themselves out in the front lines of battle. They have stepped out into that supernatural realm called **faith** and committed their lives to God. They have now become prime targets for the devil in the same manner as are ministers of the Word of God. The devil hates to see Christians prosper, especially when they have abundance. He knows where the money is going to end up and he is worried. He knows that a successful Christian businessman is a threat to his operation.

The irony of the whole thing is that the devil has corrupted and twisted God's principles of giving and receiving, using them for his own kingdom. One of the greatest tools we have been given is being used against us. What's worse, we are allowing it - in many cases even helping the devil drain our finances and draw them back into Egypt. Instead of cooperating with each other and assisting one another, we fall into bitterness, jealousy, strife and backbiting. We should welcome an opportunity to

bless a brother or a sister. We should diligently seek out those people who are operating in the Word of God and do everything we possibly can to help the household of faith *prosper and be in health*.....

God wants His people to be in a position where He can use them and depend on them. He wants to bless them. He wants to share His kingdom and His family with them. But, it should start here, on this earth and in this time. *

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