



OWNING THE
MISSION AND VISION
OF CHRIST THE KING

Part 4: In With My Finances
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**According to the Bible, money competes with
our faith more than any other thing.**

Tithe = One Tenth

The Heart Behind Giving

1. Everything belongs to God

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it. - Psalm 24:1

2. Since everything belongs to God, we are stewards of his resources.

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. As one psalmist puts it,

He throws caution to the winds,
giving to the needy in reckless abandon.

His right-living, right-giving ways never run out,
never wear out.

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 (The Message)

3. God's standard for financial giving: generously invest in the eternal.

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. - Genesis 14:18-20

**When grace has been poured out on you,
generosity is the response!**

"All that you give me, I will give you a tenth." - Genesis 28:22

"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." - Leviticus 27:3

Jesus talked about the heart behind giving:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” – Matthew 6:19-20

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21

Your wallet follows your heart.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Three things we see from this:

1. You want big returns? Sow generosity.
2. Don't give out of obligation.

God doesn't need your money, God wants your heart.

3. God blesses us to bless others.

A Question from our Core Commitments

Am I consistently stewarding my financial resources
to further the ministry of CTK?

Am I in?

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Small Group Questions

- 1) Every church tradition has some perspective on financial giving (some good, some bad). Do you have stories about church and money from your history?
- 2) Read Jesus' words in Matthew 6:19-24. What part of this teaching hits you most?
- 3) That passage ends saying, “You cannot serve both God and money.” Have you ever found yourself trying to do both?
- 4) Are you “in” with your finances at CTK? Why or why not?
- 5) Is there a way you could be more generous in life right now? What steps will you take towards accomplishing this?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?