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- We tithe out of gratitude for the **past**
- We tithe to keep our priorities right in the **present.**
- We tithe as a statement of faith for the **future.**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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THE ISSUE OF GIVING

The **THREAT** Issue  
*Money is our greatest Test*

1 Timothy 6:10

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For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Timothy 6:10

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The **THREAT** Issue  
Giving is the only antidote to Materialism. Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda. It dethrones me and exalts Him.

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For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul?  
Jesus Christ

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### The **TRANQUILITY** Issue

**Philippians 4:11** for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content

**1 Timothy 6:6** Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

**Hebrews 3:5** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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### The **TRANQUILITY** Issue

Come with me to the most populated prison in the world. It's name is WANT—the prison of want. You've seen her prisoners. They want something bigger. Nicer. Faster. Thinner. They want a new job. A new house. A new spouse. If you feel better when you have more and worse when you have less

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### The **TRANQUILITY** Issue

you're in the prison of want. If your happiness comes from something you deposit, drive, drink, or digest, then face it—you're in the prison of want! The good news is, you have a visitor. It is the psalmist, David. I have a secret to tell you, he whispers, the secret of satisfaction.

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The **TRANQUILITY** Issue

From Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." David found the place where discontent goes to die. It's as if he's saying, What I have in God is greater than what I don't have in this life. Do you think you and I could learn to say the same?

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THE ISSUE OF GIVING

The **TAKE HOME** Issue

*You can't take it with you but you can send it ahead*

Matt 6:19; Ecc 5:15; Luke 12:15

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THE ISSUE OF GIVING

The **TITLE** Issue

*It is all God's anyway. We fool ourselves by thinking it is ours.*

Gen 1:1; Ps 89:11, Duet 8:17

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The **TITLE** Issue

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. Deut 8:17

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THE ISSUE OF GIVING

The **TOTALITY** Issue  
*God demands all of us*

Gen 1:1; Ps 89:11, Duet 8:17

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The **TOTALITY** Issue

I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I'm about to spit you out of my mouth. After all, you say, 'I'm rich, and I've grown wealthy, and I don't need a thing.' You don't realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked. (Rev.3: 15-17, CEB)

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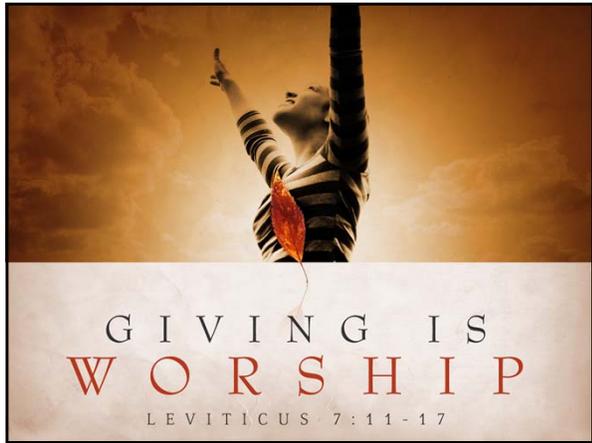
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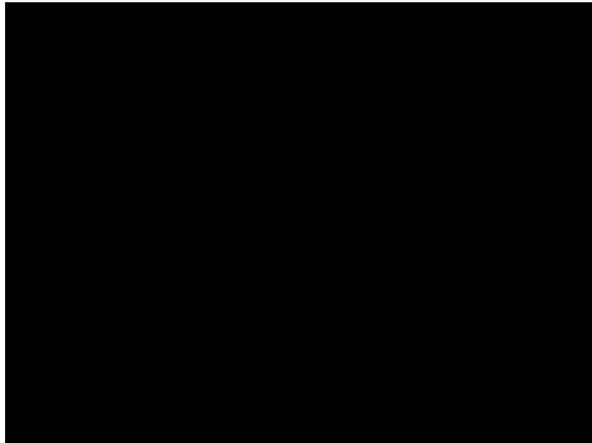
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