

Biblical Giving

This is how you get to be blessed by God. I believe you're going to enjoy it.

Why isn't my giving working?

There are **four types of giving** in the Bible. Most people get them all mixed up. They change the way things are supposed to function. I want you to listen to this teaching and I'm going to try to make it understandable.

There is the **tithe**, there is the **firstfruits**, there is the **alms**, and there is the **seed offering**. Four types of giving in the Bible. **Three of them go to God. One of them goes to man.**

I have got to first build a foundation. In Malachi 3: 8 it says, will a man Rob God? I'd like to answer that. Yes! Why? Because you know God will not come into the house to the arrest you. But remember this that God always lets you make the choice. He has the power to arrest you. Will a man Rob God? Yes, you have robbed me. But you say in what way have we robbed you? He says in tithes and offerings. Now watch this, you are cursed with a curse. That's pretty strong. **Note:** Demons will take advantage of this and enforce a curse on you. For you have robbed me, even this whole nation. So, when talking to one person, the whole nation including the preachers and the priest, and anybody working in ministry of that day. Then God gives us an instruction bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house and try me now in this. Says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, pour out for you a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the

field. Says the Lord of Hosts. And all nations will call you blessed for you will be a delightful land, Says the Lord of Hosts.

Now what's the motivation for tithing? Write this down. Tithing is the way for recession or depression to bypass you. Why? Because God says bring all the tithes into His house so there is food in the house.

Write this down. Tithing holds God to his promise. For your sakes he said, I will rebuke the devourer. What devourer? Well, the one that's trying to make the car break down, your washing machine break down, your air conditioner to break down, make things go wrong and break down. Anything that the devil can do to make you spend money that you don't want to spend. That is expenses that come up when you least expect it, you know what I'm talking about. When you tithe you can stand on Malachi 3:11 and hold God to that promise that the devourer will not touch anything you have.

You see, it is better to have 90% of your income be blessed, rather than have 100% of money be under a curse. If you say I can't afford that. That is a negative statement to start with. Always say to yourself **How can I afford that.** This gets the mind working and allows God to give you new ideas to make money. How are you going to get there? That's why you're here. That's why we are trying to help you. First thing you've limited yourself about what you can afford. Ask God to help you afford to tithe. Put God to work on the problem. Don't do it all by yourself.

Next, is **firstfruit**? What is the motivation for firstfruit? The motivation for first fruits is **generosity**. Write it down. Go with me to the book of Proverbs 3: 9-10 It says honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase. Why? So, your barns will be filled with

plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. This is the firstfruit offering. Why does God want us to give firstfruits? Giving your firstfruit shows God you're not in love with money. That's why he trusts you with money. An example is this if you have a job and get a raise of \$50.00. That whole \$50.00 should be given to the work of the Lord. But you say I need that money. Well, you've been living without it up until you received the raise, I'm pretty sure you can live without it at least for one more paycheck. You only do this one time on this raise. You will never give firstfruit on that raise again, not ever. Then you can spend that raise the rest of your life. It shows God that you don't love money, that you love Him, that you are generous, and you're not motivated by greed. Do you get that? It simply means that God can trust you with money which means he's going to give you more. When you get another raise in the future you do that same thing again. Give firstfruits on that new raise. Write this down. Firstfruits shows your gratitude to God for the extra blessing he has bestowed upon you.

Stop blowing your firstfruits offering and doing what you want with it. When you give firstfruits God goes, you mean you would think of me first? That's why they call it firstfruits. God says because you have done that and you have honored me with all your substance, I'm going to keep your house full of groceries. Your car full of gas Your children fully clothed with good clothes. Now God gives you a choice for your firstfruit offering, you can bring it to the house of God or bring it to the priest or pastor. Go read it. There are at least 31 references concerning firstfruits in the Bible, 31 of them. People say well that's an Old Covenant thing. Not according to Romans 11: 16 Write this down firstfruits is an expression of your love for God's work. And as I just said, It is only done once. Why? Because God is not looking to get your entire raise. God is wanting to raise you more. Okay? Romans 11: 16, for if the firstfruit is holy,

the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. So are the branches holy. We are the branches. This is in the New Testament.

The third type of giving is called the alms. This is what most people do. Alms giving. Alms giving motivation is compassion and sympathy. Alms is the only one of the four types of giving that is not given to God. **Write this down, alms are not given to God but are given to mankind.** Alms is **given in secrecy.** Why secrecy? To protect receiving people's dignity in their crisis.

Let me say this again. Alms are the only giving not given to God but instead are given to mankind. Arms is given in secrecy to protect people's dignity in their crisis. Matthew 6:1-4 Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men to be seen by them otherwise you have no reward from your father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a chartable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have the glory of men. Assuredly, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your chartable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will himself reward you openly. What does that mean? People think you can't talk about giving. That's not true. The reason why God said Don't let your left hand know what your right hand do is in alms giving. Why? So, it protects the dignity of a person receiving the alms. I'm going to shock you most ministries tell everybody their alms giving. They show themselves giving food, or clothes, or blankets, etc. to people. Why? Because it moves people to give to their ministry because of compassion and sympathy. Is that bad? Let me show you what happens. Jesus explicitly said when you do alms giving do it in secret. You not only give up your reward from our

Father in heaven because you have your reward being seen by men, but you are exposing people in crises receiving help. Right? This is what they don't understand. The rate of return on alms giving is reimbursement. But if you have gotten your reward from men seeing and praising you for giving to the poor?? will God reimburse you??? Maybe not. Now watch. The tithe says God will open the windows of heaven, pour out a blessing and rebuke the devourer. Giving firstfruits God looks at you and says because you have loved me and showed me you love me more than money, I will trust you with more money like you've never had before. Now watch this. When you get the return rate on alms you get reimbursement. Dollar for dollar. How do I know that? Proverbs 19:17 he that has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back that which he has given. So, the rate of exchange is dollar for dollar because it's given to man, God says you bless the poor, it will not cost you anything, I will repay you. Now we're not talking about tithe, we are not talking about firstfruits, we talking about alms given. This is what the world understands giving to be. Most of all giving done is alms giving. That's why they say prosperity doesn't work. Alms giving if done in secret you get back dollar for dollar. You are thinking God is going to prosper you. Then you show everyone with your selfies that you are giving to the poor. You have your reward by men praising you. Keep your mouth shut when you bless the poor.

Seed giving. I encourage you to go to this fourth type of giving. Sowing the seed offering. The motivation for the seed offering is faith and reward. Be careful here to not give a seed offering because of compassion and sympathy because you turn seed into alms giving. Seed giving is found in Mark 4:8. You could read the whole chapter talking about the sowing of seed. What does the seed do, what's the motivation, faith and reward. Mark 4:8 but other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and

produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred. I want you to write this down. You see our **seed offering / giving** is the only way that the payback is 30, 60 or 100 fold for harvest. The 30,60, or 100 is not received on the firstfruit not received on the tithes and not received on the alms.

Start by giving your tithes. Don't split it up and make the mistake of turning tithes into alms. Then give your firstfruits, then give alms, lastly is your seed giving

This is creating your future. Seed giving is motivated by faith and reward. Seed offering giving is the only way that the 30, 60, or 100-fold return on your harvest. **Write this down**, the seed offering is the surest way to stop poverty in your life. Number two, the seed offering is the quickest way for total debt cancellation. Why? Because if you gave \$100 dollars and you got back \$10,000 dollars. You can knock out a few bills and if you gave \$10,000 and you got a million dollars not only you can knockout bills, you can become an investor. This is the surest way to debt cancellation. Okay, Number three, this seed must be put into fertile soil. Why? If we want to accomplish the impossible in life this seed must be put into fertile soil for it to accomplish the impossible in life. Alright, did everybody get that? If you take the tithe or you take the firstfruit or you take the seed and because you are moved by compassion and sympathy and instead of putting your money where it was supposed to go you are changing the rate and purpose and make it alms which is dollar for dollar reimbursement. Write it down. If you take the tithe, firstfruit or seed, and you make them alms, remember the rate of exchange on alms dollar for dollar reimbursement you change the rate of exchange and purpose. People do not understand this and that is why people don't believe in prosperity. They took that

tithe, they took the firstfruit, they took the seed and made them alms. I'm not against giving to the poor and God is not against giving to the poor. But, you say, I gave my tithe. Yeah, but you split it up turned it into alms. For God to keep the windows of heaven open, and keep the devourer from you don't change your tithe into alms. For God to trust you with money don't turn your firstfruits giving into alms.

You went to a place and a guy really moved me and just said give a seed offering and you assumed it was supposed to be in fertile ground but he moved it away by appealing to compassion and sympathy and turned it into arms because he moves you by compassion and sympathy.

I'm going take a portion of my tithe and I go, Oh no, no or a portion of my first fruit, no, no, no. A portion of my seed no, no, no, because you know the guy made an emotional appeal and of course you have compassion but you still gave him your tithe or your firstfruit offering. I can't say this enough. Give your tithe and firstfruit offering to your church and do not split it up, or turn it into alms giving.

Hey, what's this? God can't stop the devil from devouring your harvest? Because you changed the rate of exchange and its purpose of what it was supposed to do. Be a tithe. I want to ask you a personal question. Are you a faithful giver? I believe you are; I really do. And I want to make sure you're reaping the right results in every area of your life. See, if you're willing to apply God's Word in your finances, the Bible says you will increase. That's what the Bible says, I'm going to believe the scriptures. God wants you to be blessed. Just like you want to bless your children. God wants to bless you. He wants you to multiply. I love this scripture. Deuteronomy 8:18. It says this, about you remember the Lord that God, do you remember him? For you to see that God gives you

the power? Now watch this. For it is He that has given you the power to get wealth? Now if wealth is wrong, why would God give you power to get it? So that he can establish His covenant, which He is swearing to the fathers as it is this day? What does that mean? God says, If I bless you, because you remember me, you're going to bless my work. I know what people are saying, that is Old Testament scripture. He wasn't talking about me. But he is talking about you today. All scripture, is that scripture? Yeah, whether it's old or new, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it is profitable in every area of your life. Remember this scripture. 3rd John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. That's God talking to you. God said, He is addressing you, I wish above all things that you prosper, and you be in health, even as your soul prospers. Can't you feel God's love for you. It's not about money. But you know what, you need money in this life. It's an economic pearl.

Amen and amen.