

The biggest misunderstanding about money -the myth. If don't crush this myth, we will not blossom and grow into what we are intended to grow into.

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God owns all the money --we don't -- guilty of stealing from him.

• *"The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof."* Psalm 24:1

Steward: The steward is one who manages the financial affairs of someone else.

RAMSEY CASTLE

• *"Jesus also said to his disciples, " There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods." Luke 16:1 NKJ*

The steward gives a tithe to the church.

• Matthew 23:22

In Hebrew the word literally means 10%. 5% is not a tithe.

The tithe is not a salvation issue -- it is instruction on money from the owner of the castle.

THE PURPOSES OF THE TITHE

(1) God wants us to grow up to his kids - be a giver like Christ.

That church doesn't need your money. It needs you to be involved-to love Jesus.

It's a laugh that God needs your money to do his works on earth - to help God out.

• *"Let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness."* Genesis 1:27

• Matthew 20:28

DAVE'S SON

God gave his only son. Gave him up for people out of luck.

• John 3:16

It changes our life. • God made you and I in his image.
He designed us from the foundation of the world to be givers.

• If you don't do it, your life caves in-becomes stressful-relationships break down.

Doing for others -- releases creativity, become passionate, belief deepens.

• Start giving of tithe. It changes you.
• Giving the tithe is part of the rhythm of life - like breathing-letting dogs out.

• Pastor comment -never knew of a couple who agreed in the tithing who got divorced.

• Tithe makes less of us: less selfish - better husband - better employee. Get promoted,
(2) It is a reminder of ownership. I'm not the owner. I'm the manager.

AA group - Hello my name is Dave and I like stuff.

(3) It is part of praise and worship.

• Jesus I love you. It is my delight to give to you.
Not like good Christian Boy Scout that it is my duty to give to God.

• *"For God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7

• DAUGHTER ...Offering at church --earliest childhood memory of giving.
Family tree blessed. They are watching.

(4) It is Spiritual Warfare. Tithe is also the armor of God - spiritual warfare.

• Some people are freaked out about the Devil stuff. I've read the end of the book. We win!
• In Malachi it says God will rebuke the devil for you. Rebuke the devourer for your sakes.
God sends a big angel with a flaming sword. Demon is not going to get my teenagers. Lord says, "Test me." Try it for 90 days. If it does not work, quit.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my house. Test Me now in this," says the Lord of Hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven. And pour out for you such 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 fields," Says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:10-11

Pastors teach on budgeting and getting out of debt. People love Jesus, Not going to give when broke - give them help. Become free to do cool stuff in Jesus' Name.

YOUNG COUPLE. A couple in their church paid debt and enabled them to adopt.

God has a plan. He walks us through the process to love and care for each other for his glory.

Growing day by day as the Friend of God.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:7

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Romans 10:17

Quiet Time **Daily Check Off** **Read Bible**

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| • Sunday | _____ | Luke 18 |
| • Monday | _____ | 1 Chronicles 27 |
| • Tuesday | _____ | 1 Chronicles 28 |
| • Wednesday | _____ | Proverbs 8 |
| • Thursday | _____ | Psalms 64-65-66 |
| I John 1 | _____ | • Friday |
| • Saturday | _____ | Ezra 4 |