

Malachi 3:8-10

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, said the lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Read: LUKE 6:38

The Bible says much about the use of possessions. Jesus devoted a substantial amount of His teaching to money matters because money does matter. In fact, almost one-half of His parables referred to money, giving, sharing, covetousness, stewardship, and related subjects. How we handle our money is a good indication of not only our priorities, but our relationship with the lord. Matthew 6:21 *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

Why should we give to the cause of God? Mainly, because we love Him who first loved us! Because our giving will reach precious souls for whom He died! Because we love our church family and want to do our part as responsible members to support it. Because it is commanded by God and results in blessings for us in proportion to what we give!

The Habit of Giving

...the habit of giving: *“On every Lord’s Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn”* (I Cor. 16:2 TLB, emphasis mine).

You don't give for God's sake. You give for your sake. "the purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives" (Deut. 14:23 TLB).

How does tithing teach you? Consider the simple act of writing a check for the offering. First you enter the date. Already you are reminded that you are a timebound creature and every possession you have will rust or burn. Best to give it while you can.

Then you enter the name of the one to whom you are giving the money. If the bank would cash it, you'd write *God*. But they won't, so you write the name of the church or group that has earned your trust.

Next comes the amount. Ahhh, the moment of truth. You're more than a person with a checkbook. You're David, placing a stone in the sling. You're Peter, one foot on the boat, one foot on the lake. You're a little boy in a big crowd. A picnic lunch is all the Teacher needs, but it's all you have.

What will you do?

Sling the stone?

Take the step?

Give the meal?

Careful now, don't move too quickly. You aren't just entering an amount ... you are making a confession. A confession that God owns it all anyway.

And then the line in the lower left-hand corner on which you write what the check is for. Hard to know what to put. It's for light bills and literature. A little bit of outreach. A little bit of salary.

Better yet, it's partial payment for what the church has done to help you raise your family ... keep your own priorities sorted out ... tune you in to his ever-nearness.

Or, perhaps, best yet, it's for you. For though the gift is to God, the benefit is for you. It's a moment for you to clip yet another strand from the rope of earth so that when he returns you won't be tied up.

(Healthy Habits is part of a chapter borrowed from Max Lucado's book *When God Whispers Your Name*.)

Never Again!

Never again will I say, “I can’t” for “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13).

Never again will I admit lack, for “my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Never again will I fear, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7)

Never again will I harbour doubt, for “without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6)

Never again will I allow the supremacy of Satan over my life, for “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Never again will I admit defeat, for “God...giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1Corinthians 15:57).

Never again will I lack wisdom, for “if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5).

Never again will I be worried and frustrated, for “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).


Never again will I be in bondage, for “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Never again will I feel condemned, for “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1).

World Harvest Offering

- Partners in Missions (National)
- Spanish Ministries (Local)
- Tupelo Children’s Mansion (Ministry)
- Spirit of Freedom (Ministry)
- Apostolic Coalitions (Ministry)
- Home Missions (National)
- Home Missions (SC District)
- Sunday School (SC District)
- Youth Department (SC District)
- Ladies Division (SC District)

World Harvest Offering will be received on the 1st Sunday of each month.

WORLDHARVEST Ministries of Charleston  TITHE & OFFERING ENVELOPE <hr/> Name _____ <hr/> Date _____ Check No. _____	DESIGNATION	AMOUNT	
	Tithe	\$	← 10% of my income
	General Offering	\$	← My offering
	World Harvest	\$	← Monthly WH Offering
		\$	← Special Offerings
		\$	
	TOTAL	\$	

Tithing and Offering Envelopes are located on tables in the foyer of the church. Tithes and offerings are received every week during the church service.

Ministries World Harvest Supports

Foreign Missions - Foreign Missions giving supports missionaries and missionary projects in nations outside of the North American continent. The purpose of Foreign Missions is to reach the world with the gospel (Mark 16:15). Partners in Missions (PIM) is the primary method of raising funds for our Foreign Missionaries.

Home Missions - Home Missions giving supports Home Missionaries and Home Missions projects in an effort to reach the unevangelized areas of North America and Canada. The primary methods of raising funds for this effort is through monthly Home Missions offerings and the annual **Christmas For Christ** drive. Our Home Missions giving helps build churches in the unreached areas of our state and nation.

Tupelo Children Mansion - Tupelo Children's Mansion provides a home for children from broken homes and abusive conditions. Tupelo also operates an adoption agency; placing needy children in Pentecostal homes. Tupelo Children's Mansion's primary income is through monthly offerings from the churches.

Spirit of Freedom - The Spirit of Freedom Ministry is an outreach ministry to those bound by alcohol and drugs. Working with the Spirit of Freedom Ministries in New Orleans, LA, the local church reaches out to those in need with love, letters, Bible studies, counsel, and prayers.

Apostolic Coalition - Apostolic Coalition is a Jesus Name organization that works in our government in Washington, DC. This organization keeps track on the issues of our government and provides information to its supporters. Apostolic Coalition also represents the Jesus Name movement to our government. It operates on monthly offerings from churches.

Sunday School - The Sunday School Department is a teaching department of the church. The Sunday School Division produces literature and provides material for Sunday School, Scouting, Junior Quizzing, Bible Reading, and Singles Ministry. The primary fund raiser for this department is the annual **Save Our Children** drive that concludes on Easter Sunday each year. The Sunday School Division reaches for our children.

Youth Department - The Youth Department of the provides materials and tools for reaching and establishing our young people in the church. The Youth Department has an annual drive entitled **Sheaves For Christ**. The money raised on an annual basis is divided among the Youth, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and other endorsed projects of the United Pentecostal Church.

Ladies Department - The Ladies Department is a tremendous blessing in its fund raising projects for the church. The Ladies Department has an annual fund raising drive entitled **Mother's Memorial**. The funds from this assist Foreign Missionary projects, Home Missionary needs, Tupelo Children's Mansion, Spirit of Freedom, and other ministries. Monthly offerings help support the work of the district.

Partners In Missions (PIM)

<u>Missionary</u>	<u>Country</u>
Albert Stewart	Liberia (Africa)
Arlie Enis	Germany / Military (Europe)
Charles Robinette	Switzerland
Dan Schreckhise	Furlough Replacement
David Kline	Lesotho
Harry Scism	Teaching Ministry
Karl Smith	South Africa
Loren Miller	Leeward Islands
Michael Long	Vanuatu
Richard Denny	Pacific
Rick Robinson	Turkey
Steve Bennett	Gulf States
Steve Shirley	Dominican Republic
Robert Rodenbush	Europe / Middle East
David Brott	Leadership Development
Daniel Drost	Mexico (Central America)
Wynn Drost	Mexico (Central America)
Lee Roy Sherry	Vanuatu / New Caledonia
Jerry Richardson	Africa
Daniel L. Scott	South America
Richard Denny	Pacific
John Nickerson	Nigeria (Africa)
Paul Dennis	Asia
John Nowacki	France (Europe)
J. P. Hughes	Africa
Henry Ritchie	Windward Islands
Steve Willoughby	Singapore (Pacific)
Stanley Scism	South Asia
Kenneth Burgess	Argentina (South America)
Scott Guinn	Mexico

Partners In Missions (PIM)

Country

Overseas Ministries
Faith Promise Ministry
Ivory Coast
Myanmar
Ethiopia (Africa)
India Outreach
Guyana
Egypt (Middle East)
Dem Rep of Congo (Africa)
Malaysia (Pacific)
Chinese Evangelism (Pacific)
Cameroon
Belize
Papua New Guinea
Dominican Republic
Cuba

Home Missions

Missionary

City -

Frank Bounds	Salt Lake City, UT
Ryan Crossley	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Sung Kim	Washington, DC Metro
Loammi Diaz	New York, NY
Christopher Helms	Pittsburgh, PA
Scott Sistrunk	Detroit, MI
Multicultural Ministries	