

Your New Beginning Guaranteed

Message 3: Consecration Of God's Gifts

I. The Promise Of A New Beginning In Our Resources:

A. Review: Proverbs 3:1-8

B. The *Call* and *Promise* for a new beginning in our resources: Proverbs 3:9-10

1. The Call: “**Honor** the Lord with your *possessions*, and with the *firstfruits* of your *increase*.: Verse 9
2. The Promise: “So your barns will be filled with *plenty*, and your vats will *overflow* with new wine.”

C. The New Testament Witness: II Corinthians 9:6-8; 10-11; Philippians 4:19

II. Fulfilling The Promise: The Biblical Principle Of Tithes And Offerings

A. The giving of the **tithe** (_____ of one's resources), and **offerings** (giving _____ above the tithe) is God's prescribed method of fulfilling this call and promise.

1. Abraham's example: Genesis 14:18-20
2. The teaching of the law: Deuteronomy 26; Malachi 3:8-12
3. Jesus' endorsement: Matthew 5:17-20; 6:1-4
4. Paul's teaching on regular giving: I Corinthians 16:2
5. NOTE: It tithing really New Testament?

III. Four Reasons I Love To Tithe: *Learning to give joyfully!* II Corinthians 9:7

A. Joyful Giving _____!

1. My _____.
2. My _____. Philippians 2:3-7

B. Joyful Giving _____!

1. It frees my heart from _____:
Luke 12:15
2. It opens the windows of _____ in my life: Malachi 3:10-12; Acts 20:35

C. Joyful Giving _____!

1. It teaches me principles of _____.
2. It teaches me the proper _____ in life. Matthew 6:33; II Corinthians 4:18

D. Joyful Giving _____!

1. A _____-_____ blessing!
Matthew 19:29
2. This is not a get rich quick promise, but it is a promise of _____ blessing as we put God first in our lives and make regular, systematic giving a “**weighty**” expression of our worship!

IV. Conclusion: Do You Love To Give Tithes And Offerings?

“_____ all the money you can, _____ all the money you can.” John Wesley