

**SERIES: DISCOVERING THE BLESSINGS AND FAVOR OF GOD**  
*PART II: HEART & LIFE APPLICATION OF GOD'S PROMISES – Pastor Alton Trimble*  
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II Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)

*Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.*

**I. GOD MUST BE FIRST.**

Matthew 6:31-33 (NKJV)

**A. God sets an important precedence with regards to first things in Exodus 13:2**

1. Sacrificed or redeemed.
2. Understanding the Principle of First.

**B. The First of the First.**

**C. God clearly respects or rejects**

**D. Tithing is a principle we live not a law we keep.**

1. What would you pay to have the confidence that God's got you?
2. Tithing is a test we all must pass.

Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- a. Tithing literally means a tenth or tenth part.
- b. The Tithing represents the ultimate heart test.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

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- c. Seeing God's perspective on tithing changes our perspective on tithing.

Matthew 25:29 (NKJV)

*For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.*

**II. God's principles must find application in both the heart and life of the believer.**

**A. Money needs a job**

- 1. Your money's job is to multiply and God is able to make it happen.**

Luke 9:12-17 (NKJV)

*When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." <sup>13</sup> But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." <sup>15</sup> And they did so, and made them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. <sup>17</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.*

**2. Keys to Multiplication**

- a. First key to multiplication is something must be blessed before it can be multiplied.

Luke 9:16 (NKJV)

*Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.*

Romans 11:6 (NKJV)

*For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.*

- b. The second key to multiplication is only what is given away can multiply.

c. There is power in your giving

Matthew 25:14-30 (NKJV)

*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup> Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup> And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ <sup>22</sup> He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ <sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ <sup>24</sup> “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. <sup>27</sup> So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. <sup>29</sup> ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’*