

## HONOR BRINGS INCREASE

### **Malachi 3:8,10 (NIV)**

**8** *"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings.*

**10** *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*

- Are you robbing from God?
- Being a tither is not considered giving.
- Leviticus 27:30 says that the tithe is holy and belongs to the Lord.
- Have you put God to the test?
- God has never failed a test!

### **Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)**

**9** *Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;*

**10** *then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

### **Proverbs 3:9-10 (AMP)**

**9** *Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the firstfruits of all your income;*

**10** *So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine.*

### **Proverbs 3:9-10 (Message)**

**9** *Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best.*

**10** *Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.*

- You cannot honor God without substance.
- In the Bible, anytime someone wanted to honor God they brought a sacrifice.
- Tithing begins with the first fruits of **all** your increase.
- You tithe off the **first**, not the second or third.

- You tithe before taxes are taken out.
- By honoring God first, **v.10** says that **then** you will have overflow.
- Overflow comes by honoring God financially.
- Tithers give because of a covenant.
- Givers give because of a need.
- Giving not only supplies your needs but the needs of others.
- When you have a need, you can give expecting your need to be met.
- Have a need? Sow a seed!

## **STEP UP AND LEAD THE WAY**

### **1 Samuel 22:1-2 (NIV)**

**1** *David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there.*

**2** *All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.*

- David was met by 400 men who were in no shape to help him in any way.
- They were distressed, in debt, and discontent.

### **1 Chronicles 29:1-9**

**1** *Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God.*

**2** *With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.*

**3** *Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple:*

**4** *three thousand talents <sup>[b]</sup> of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents <sup>[c]</sup> of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings,*

**5** for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD ?"

**6** Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly.

**7** They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents <sup>[d]</sup> and ten thousand darics <sup>[e]</sup> of gold, ten thousand talents <sup>[f]</sup> of silver, eighteen thousand talents <sup>[g]</sup> of bronze and a hundred thousand talents <sup>[h]</sup> of iron.

**8** Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite.

**9** The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly

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**Footnotes:**

**B. 1 Chronicles 29:4**

That is, about 110 tons (about 100 metric tons)

**C. 1 Chronicles 29:4**

That is, about 260 tons (about 240 metric tons)

**D. 1 Chronicles 29:7**

That is, about 190 tons (about 170 metric tons)

**E. 1 Chronicles 29:7**

That is, about 185 pounds (about 84 kilograms)

**F. 1 Chronicles 29:7**

That is, about 375 tons (about 345 metric tons)

**G. 1 Chronicles 29:7**

That is, about 675 tons (about 610 metric tons)

**H. 1 Chronicles 29:7**

That is, about 3,750 tons (about 3,450 metric tons)

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**Talent:** Used as a measure of weight and money. If in today's money an ounce of Gold is worth \$700 U.S., one talent is worth **\$840,000.**

**Daric:** A gold coin current in Palestine in the period after the return from Babylon. It weighed 128 grains, and was worth about **five dollars.**

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-David was given instruction by the Lord in

**1 Chronicles 28** to build a temple for God, but He was to support it financially.

-David saw a need and he gave towards it.

-Notice it says that David gave everything that he had **prepared** for the Lord's house.

- It is important not to get in a rut with your giving.
- Prepare an offering, set your heart and your mind to a certain amount and prepare that for the Lord.
- David said in **v.3** that he also gave over and above.

**(Malachi 3)**

*"Over and above giving produces over and above living."*

-Mark Hankins

**BEING AROUND A GIVER CAN CHANGE YOUR IDENTITY**

- Notice that the same men that met David at the cave of Adullam that were distressed, in debt, and discontent are now leaders, officers, commanders, and officials.
- These men caught something from David.
- David gave openly and for all to see. Giving is not a secret.
- Giving openly inspires others to step up and give.
- David didn't force his men to give, he taught them to give. It said in **1 Chronicles 29:6** that they gave willingly.
- When you give something that you can't afford to give, you'll get something that you can't afford to buy.
- The blessing of God cannot be bought; it's given.
- True leadership leads by example.
- Are you a giver?
- Does your giving influence others to give?
- Choose today to set an example for those around you. (your spouse, your kids, your family, your friends)
- God will never let a giver go unrewarded.