

THIS IS US

“We Put God First”

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2 Corinthians 9:7, “You must decide in your heart how much to give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

- Verse 8, “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need, and plenty left over to **share with others**.”
- Verse 9, “As the Scriptures say, ‘They share freely **and give generously to the poor**. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.’”

God **BLESSES** us, we **GIVE**, & then **GOD GIVES GENEROUSLY** to us!

Verse 10, “For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources. This produces a great harvest of generosity in you.”

- Verse 11, “You will be enriched in every way, so that you can always **be generous**. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.”

The very first thing we do in response to God blessing us is **WE RETURN 10%**, a tithe back to Him as an act of **WORSHIP!**

Tithing breaks the cycle of **SCARCITY** & creates a cycle of **SUPPLY**.

3 thoughts about the power of tithing:

1) Tithing teaches us to **PUT GOD FIRST**

- “The purpose of tithing is to **teach you always to put God first in your lives**.” Deuteronomy 14:23

2) Tithing **BUILDS OUR FAITH**

- “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, see if I don’t throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10-11

3) Tithing provides for the work of **GOD’S CHURCH**

- “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.” Malachi 3:10