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Why Should I?

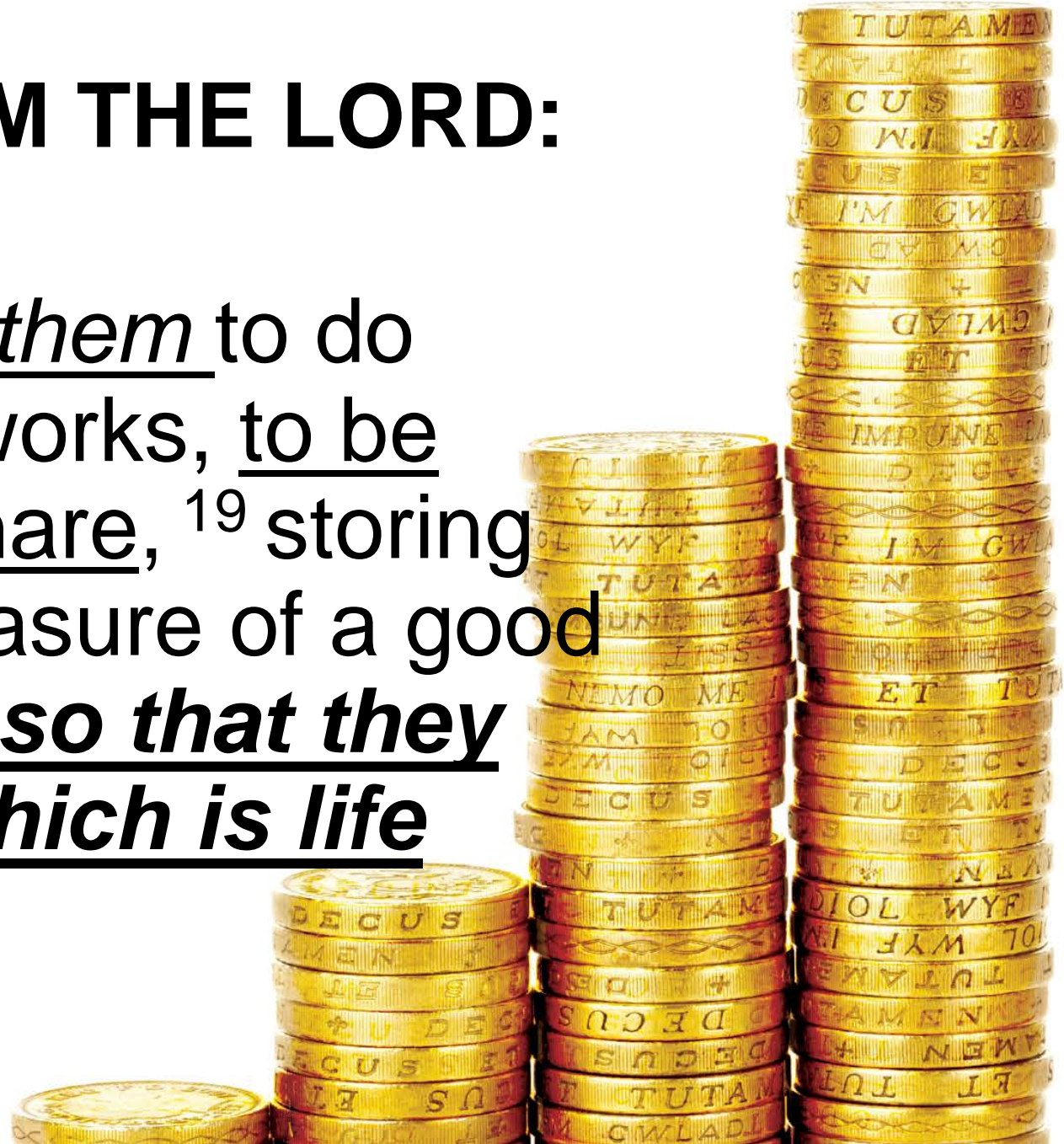


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MY INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD:

1 Tim. 6:18-19 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. (NAU)



“TITHES” AND “OFFERINGS” WERE TWO SEPARATE TYPES OF GIFTS IN THE BIBLE.

A. Tithes (10%) - from my “increase”:

- **Lev 27:30, Neh 13:12; Deu 14:22**

B. Offerings – special items; giving w/o a plan; from my “surplus” or my pocket change.

- **2 Cor 8:12 & 9:7.**



1. **JESUS DID NOT ABOLISH THE TITHE. HE GAVE US A REASON TO GIVE IT.**
 - **Lk. 11:42 “..., you [Pharisees] ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.” (NLT)**
 - **Matt 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**
 - **Gen 14:20, 28:22; Luke 11:42**

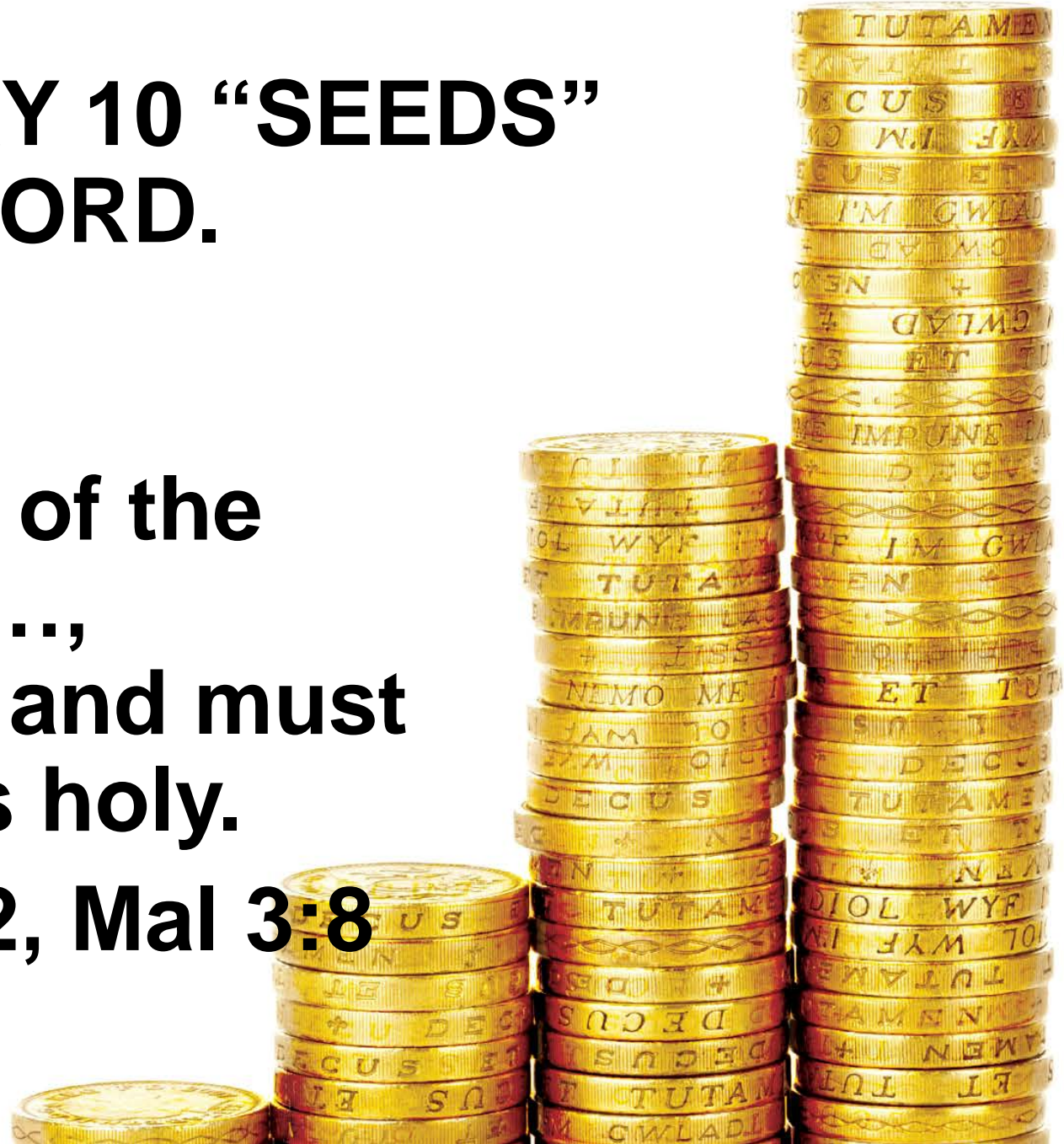
2. GOD IS THE SUPPLIER OF MY “SEEDS.”

- A. 2 Cor. 9:10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
- B. I “plant” (spend) the seed.
- C. God harvests the seed.



3. THE FIRST OF EVERY 10 “SEEDS” BELONGS TO THE LORD.

- Lev. 27:30 One-tenth of the produce of the land, ..., belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy.
- Deut 14:22, Neh 13:12, Mal 3:8





Mal. 3:8-10 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

4. THE SCRIPTURE GIVES US THE “HOW” OF TITHING.

A. Minimum amount - 10%. Lev 27:30

B. First in my hand. Proverbs 3:9

C. “Unblemished” (*best*). Exod 23:19

D. For the “storehouse.” Ex 23:19, Mal 3:10



5. HOW WE GIVE (OR IF WE GIVE) IS A SPIRITUAL THERMOMETER OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.



Mal. 3:7-8a From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ... In your tithes and contributions.. (ESV)



- **WHY DO I TITHE?**

- 1. BC God believes it best for me.**
- 2. BC my tithe gives testimony that I have put my life in His strong hands.**
- 3. BC I believe in my church and the harvest that God produces through my “seeds.”**
- 4. BC I love Jesus. He says that the “how” of my giving tells Him so.**
- 5. BC I gave up robbing God a long time ago.**

4. GOD MULTIPLIES THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF HIS PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL.

2 Cor. 9:10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (ESV)



NEXT STEPS

- 1. Ps 139:23. Search me oh God and know my heart. Try me and know my ways. And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**
- 2. Decide today if God wants you to change how you plant the “seeds” that come into your hand.**

