



THE
HEART
OF
TITHING



Outline:

1. The Mind of Tithing

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1. The Mind of Tithing:

-Tithing defined

-OT Passages about tithing

Leviticus 27:30-32

Malachi 3:8-10

Proverbs 3:9



Thoughts gained from OT Passages:

1. The seriousness of tithing/robbing God
2. Everything we have already belongs to God
3. Tithing is the first-fruits, not the leftovers



James 2:14-26

Faith without works is dead

In the same way, works without faith is just going through the motions



2. The Heart of Tithing:

Nehemiah 12:44-47

Context

- Two books from one
- A powerful position to a powerful obedience
- The restoration of Jerusalem



The heart realizes a Faithful God

- Despite opposition, Jerusalem had been restored; God had delivered on His promise
- God had brought the people out of oppression and back into His city (the remnant)
- God sets the standard for faithfulness



The heart through the condition of the people

- The circumstance of the people while giving
- An economic and political crisis
- They still recognized the importance of giving



The heart in an act of worship

- Nehemiah's act of worship

- Going through the motions versus worshipping God

- Worshipping through acts of obedience



The fruit of an obedient heart

- Where does our tithes go?
- Budget, Salaries, bills, outreach...
- Tithing makes ministry possible at Bethany



Application:

-Do you see tithing as worshipping a God who is forever faithful?

James M. Hamilton Jr.

“Whatever it costs us, though we must sacrifice, we must support the worship of God in the temple. That’s what our lives are about.”