"Overflow Awaits Your Obedience" ~A.L. Moss, Sr. M.Th.

Introduction: Giving has everything to do with our relationship with Jesus Christ. Our giving reflects the kind of relationship we have with our Lord! We can talk all we want about how much we love the Lord, serve the Lord and how He's first in our lives! And all Jesus does is look at how we give as scripture says in *Matthew 6:21*. The scripture is showing us what we truly value and what our heart truly desires. It's demonstrating where our true allegiance lies.

We can't rebuke what we keep running up. We can't cast out what we're still carrying in our cart. And we can't cry for freedom while ignoring God's plan and strategy. Debt isn't just a demon, it's a pattern. God wants to deliver us through discipline and planning. For many saints, we don't need a financial breakthrough, we need financial discipline and order. We may have prayed, but now it's time to plan, budget, and build, *Proverbs 21:5*.

"We Trust God With Everything But Our Money" 1 Corinthians 15:55-58; 16:1-2

- 1. Giving is a (Holy Habit), *Leviticus* 27:30.
 - a. It's a plan with regularity.
- 2. It's a personal responsibility.
 - a. Each one of us = that's everyone.
- 3. It's a sum, a proportion of return, Genesis 4.
 - a. God never gives in an even exchange, He always gives more! Grace giving is proportion! It's never equal giving it's equal sacrifice.
 - b. When we give, we have stake in the game!
- 4 When we give it should cost us something!
 - a. When we give, we live!

We give because we believe in a resurrected Christ!

"Malachi 3:6-8"

The tithe was not only to be set apart but also used to support God's ministry. Tithing is also an act of worship. It demonstrates faith, obedience, and submission to God's will. Tithing is signifying a heart attached to Him rather than worldly possessions. The Levitical law wasn't about God taking something from us, it was always about setting us up for overflow! Finally, we don't pay our tithes we return them! So, here's the real question: Will we trust the Lord enough to return what was never ours to keep?