

RESILIENT | **HIS MONEY IN MY HANDS**

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1. Return it.

The tithe was a God-thing before it was ever considered a law-thing.

Genesis 14:18–20 (NKJV)

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said:
“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
20 And blessed be God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”
And he gave him a tithe of all.

God is undeniably possessive of the tithe.

Leviticus 27:30 (NKJV)

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.

Because the tithe is His, the tithe cannot be given to God; it can only be returned to God.

God feels some type of way about the tithe.

Malachi 3:8–9 (NKJV)

“Will a man rob God?
Yet you have robbed Me!
But you say,
'In what way have we robbed You?'
In tithes and offerings.
9 You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me,
Even this whole nation.

God so badly wants me to get a revelation of the tithe that He attaches extremely strong promises to it.

Malachi 3:10–11 (NKJV)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the Lord of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.
11 “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,”
Says the Lord of hosts

God's goal isn't for us to get more; His goal is for us to get IT.

2. Save it.

-Save for

Proverbs 21:5 (The Message)

Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run;
hurry and scurry puts you further behind.

There are two ways to buy something: save up for it and then buy it or buy it and then pay for it.

One of God's favorite times to give us something is after we've saved for it.

-Send ahead

It appears as though in God's order of financial priorities, tomorrow's needs come before today's desires.

Proverbs 24:27 (NLT)

Do your planning and prepare your fields
before building your house.

Wise investing involves wisdom from wise financial advisors.

Proverbs 12:15 (NKJV)

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel is wise.

Proverbs 15:22 (NLT)

Plans go wrong for lack of advice;
many advisers bring success.

Wise investors invest in a portfolio of investments rather than in one individual product.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 (NLT)

Send your grain across the seas,
and in time, profits will flow back to you.
2 But divide your investments among many places,
for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.

3. Spend it.

Proverbs 21:20 (TLV)

Precious treasure and oil are
in a wise person's dwelling,
but a foolish person devours all he has.

The life God called you to build involves planning, discernment, and self-discipline.

Budget: regulated use of resources

Luke 14:28 (NLT)

“But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?”

-Everyday expenses

Isaiah 55:2 (NKJV)

Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?

-Enjoyment

1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

God doesn’t give us what He gives us simply for enrichment; He gives us what He gives us for sweet enjoyment.

Never get so serious about stewarding your money that you can’t enjoy God’s blessing.

-Indebtedness

Proverbs 22:7 (NKJV)

the borrower is servant to the lender

The content person is so busy celebrating God and all He did for them yesterday that they don’t even see the limited release “must have” which dropped online today.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

4. Give it.

Giving is that which is given to God over and above the tithe.

We are never more like God than when we are giving.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

One of the best gifts you can give God is the happy heart with which you give any gift.

The Giver celebrates a giver when they are happier to let go than to hold on.

1 Chronicles 29:10–18 (NLT)

Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly:

“O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything.

Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

13 "O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! 14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! 15 We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.

16 "O Lord our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you! 17 I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.

18 "O Lord, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes.