



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What do you think about tipping those who serve you? Do you tip? Are you stingy or generous?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. How do you feel about tipping at Starbucks, Chili's and other places?
 - a. Why do you think people tip?
3. Has our tipping mentality affected our view of giving in local churches?
4. Please read Malachi 1:1-14. What are the emotions that you see in God in this passage?
 - a. What is the heart of Israel when it comes to their giving?
5. What motivates you to give at church?
6. Do the Israelites get credit for providing a sacrifice, even if it's defected?
 - a. In what ways can we have the same mentality as the Israelites in this passage?
7. Please read Deuteronomy 14:22-23 and Matthew 23:23. Why do you think only 5% of people tithe in their local church?



8. Please read Matthew 6:19-27. What is the treasure of your heart?
 - a. How does worry affect our willingness to give?
 - b. What else do you see in this passage?

9. What do you think Billy Graham meant when he said this, "If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." Is it true? Why or why not?

10. Do you have a tipping mentality or a tithing mentality at church? Would your checkbook support your perspective?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." - Billy Graham
- The way you view money, says a lot about your heart.
- God wants you to honor Him with every part of your life.
- There are blessings from God that are available for the person who gives God their WHOLE HEART.
- God wants your giving to be an expression of your love for Him.
- It's possible to know God and not honor God.
- If it doesn't cost you something, it's not a sacrifice.
- It's not about money. It's about your heart.
- Tithe: The word tithe literally means "tenth" in Hebrew. A tithe is 10% of your income given as an offering to your local church.
- Giving at church should be driven by your relationship with Jesus Christ. From God's perspective, it's about His love relationship with you. Giving should not be driven by:
 - God's performance in your life.
 - Whether you're in the mood to give.
 - If the music was good.
 - If the preaching was good.
 - If you had cash in your pocket.