

## The Word in Meditation

### A TOPIC OF TITHING 3

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith. Welcome to the Word in Meditation.

“Father, thank you for your powerful love and teaching. Bless, we pray, this time we have together so we may learn and grow in you. In Jesus Name, amen.

We have been discussing Malachi 3:10 and holding onto the old law versus the law of faith.

Let me say, first off, that if any of you out there need a shoulder to lean on about the things you have been going through financially, write me. You are not alone. Share yourself. I'd like to help point you in a good way. The way of faith. There is still time. Still time to hold your head up and face God with a clear conscience free from curses and ridicule.

Friends, if you have been brought up to tithes, fine; but do it because of your love to God, not because someone said you *have* to. Also, if there is one who gives as they are able, then do it with faith toward God and not as one in fear of what people will say if they found out just how little you are giving.

I'll say this: the person who is an active Christian *will* want to give. Bountifully, as they prosper. Let no man judge how much you give or despise you for it. Judge no man yourself if they give less than you even though they might be very wealthy. Why? Because it is God that judges the quick and the dead. It is God who looks upon the heart. We do not know what goes through the heads or hearts of people or how God is dealing with them.

In Acts 4:31-37, it tells there believers were of one heart; one soul. They sold all and gave, and it says no one lacked anything. They brought money and laid it at the Apostles feet. Why? Because of the love of God in these people. They gave freely and no one made them.

In 1906, there was the Pentecostal birth on Azusa street. The folks there did not take offerings. There were cans nailed to the walls in the auditorium and people gave, and they had no trouble paying the bills for a meeting place or helping, in turn, someone destitute. All things were common.

There are those who, in church buildings, have one or two, perhaps, who are heavy contributors, and the Elders, Deacons, and Pastor dare not step on the toes of that one for fear they may leave. It's true. What a pity! Caring more for their money than souls. Money to pay the bills; etc. I tell you woe be to them because James 2:3-4 says, “Any you have respect to him that wears the gay clothing and say to him, sit you here in a good place; and say to the poor,

stand you here or there or sit under my footstool: are you not then partial in yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?"

Well, again our time is gone; but we look forward to meeting tomorrow.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.