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Study #3 -God's Plan for Giving

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**S**o God owns all things and He has made me a manager (a steward). I am not an owner but a manager of God's resources. We've also seen that God will hold me accountable for how I manage the resources He provides.

Our goal in this study is to explore an additional element of God's plan.

1. Read Gen. 14. In –Gen. 14:20 what did Abraham give to Melchizedek?

2. How is Melchizedek described in –Heb. 7:1-10?

3. What is a tithe and why would Abraham do that?

16. How does managing our “stuff” relate to –Mt. 22:37-40?

17. Have I yielded to God's ownership? Am I managing my stuff for God's glory? Am I giving?

The Dead Sea is dead because it continually receives but never gives. Resources run *to it* but not *through it*. Can God trust us to give?

13. Read: -1 Chron. 29:1-15. What were the people doing?

14. What is the principle truth in giving that David recognizes and re-states in -1 Chron. 29:14?

15. As believers are we under the law –Rom. 6:14? Does – Prov. 3:9 still apply? How does -2 Cor. 9:6&7 relate to –Prov. 3:9&10?

4. What does Abraham's tithe say about his perspective of life? How does Abraham's attitude contrast to the poor manager's attitude in –Mt. 25:18,24-25?

5. Abraham was the Father of the nation of Israel. After Abraham God used Moses to deliver Israel out of Egypt and bring them to the promise land. On the way God gave them the laws by which they would live with Him in the land. There were moral laws, civil laws, and ceremonial or religious laws. Read Deut. 12:1-8. What were people required by God to do in –Dt. 12:6.

6. Read –Ex. 35:20-29. What where the people doing?

7. What was motivating their actions –Ex. 35:21,29?

8. How does –Mk. 12:41-44 relate to –Ex. 35?

9. Under the Law of Moses “Tithing” was institutionalized. God had many stipulations (see –Deut. 14:22-23, -Lev. 27:30 as just a sample of many) for His own purposes (for instance see – Num. 18:21-32) but what was one purpose for tithing according to –Deut. 14:22-23? What is the “fear of the Lord”?

10. In –Mal. 3:8 how did God characterize not obeying the laws of giving? (Read –Mal. 3:8-10 what was God challenging His people to do?)

11. What got in the way of people obeying God according to - Haggai 1:3-11?

12. How are the laws of giving summarized in –Prov. 3:9-10?