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March 10, 2024

Greetings Called of the Most High!

What Grace and Glory. God has called you to serve the kingdom of life and love. Bless you for all you do and continue to do in God's Name.

As our campaign continues, a church officer will be contacting you to ensure you are getting the information and to encourage your attendance this month. I strongly encourage you to be present for the special events occurring in worship.

"Faith without works is dead."
~ James 2:26b

Another edifying and enjoyable exercise is enclosed. Please do your homework. See where you are on your faith journey and keep praying.

May the Holy Spirit lead you into the way of prosperity, that you are blessed along with your household is my earnest prayer.

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COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TITHING

What if I can't afford to tithe?

The truth is, we cannot afford not to. To rob God of the tithe is to rob ourselves of many divine promises.

What if I am in debt? Shouldn't I pay my debts first, then begin tithing?

No! Our sin debt is the biggest debt we owe. Our tithe proves to God that we understand this. How much tithing would ever occur if we waited until all other debts were paid?

Should I keep personal records of my giving?

Certainly. This is a method of accountability and a way to certify that our tithes equaled our desired percentage of 10%. *(Make the pledge to tithe for 90 days and see what happens!)* Take The Step!

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"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come."
~ I Corinthians 16:2

This scripture speaks to the proof of God's priority. Every time pay has been received, a portion is pulled out and given to the Lord. Therefore, the regularity of the tithe is the dependability of the disciple.

EXERCISE TO ENCOURAGE DISCIPLESHIP

Below are lines to list what was given by you each Sunday over the last 12 weeks. This 90-day period will reflect your giving proof of God's priority in your life. Let this be an "aha" moment that directs you to greater faith.

Put in dates and amounts for the last 12 weeks.
Understand, just doing this exercise will strengthen your faith.

DATE OF WEEK	AMOUNT	DATE OF WEEK	AMOUNT
Week 1: _____	**$** _____	**Week 7:** _____	**$** _____
Week 2: _____	**$** _____	**Week 8:** _____	**$** _____
Week 3: _____	**$** _____	**Week 9:** _____	**$** _____
Week 4: _____	**$** _____	**Week 10:** _____	**$** _____
Week 5: _____	**$** _____	**Week 11:** _____	**$** _____
Week 6: _____	**$** _____	**Week 12:** _____	**$** _____

If you are a regular, sacrificial giver, be encouraged.
If not, simply "grow in grace."

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will rap bountifully."
~ II Corinthians 9:6

The Bible teaches proportional giving. In the Old Testament, the tithe, or 10% of One's income, was returned to God.

From II Corinthians 8 and 9, we could paraphrase Paul in this way: *"Do not take and arbitrary approach to giving; it's much too important or that."* That is, don't say *"Well, I guess I'll give $10.00 to the church,"* or *"I guess I'll increase my giving by $2.00."*

Then make a careful decision, which Paul suggested, for giving. *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for god loves a cheerful giver."* ~ II Corinthians 9:7

Let God's Word guide you!

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	10% MONTHLY INCOME
$35,000	$2,916.67	**$291.67**
$45,000	$3,750.00	**$375.00**
$55,000	$4,583.33	**$458.33**
$65,000	$5,416.67	**$541.67**
$75,000	$6,250.00	**$625.00**
$85,000	$7,083.33	**$708.33**
$95,000	$7,916.67	**$791.67**
$100,000	$8,333.33	**$833.33**
$125,000	$10,416.67	**$1,041.67**
$150,000	$12,500.00	**$1,250.00**
$175,000	$14,583.33	**$1,458.33**
$200,000	$16,666.67	**$1,666.67**

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