CHOSEN TO TAKE THE STEP

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~ Matthew 22:14

March 31, 2024

When I was hungry you fed Me, thirsty and you gave Me something to drink. . ."
~ Matthew 25:35

Dear Brown Chapel AME Church,

God has a mission for the church. The mission is to transform lives. We are working so hard to transform lives, and our lives are being transformed in the process.

God has a purpose for your life. God transformed you so that you can help transform someone else. God blessed you so that you could bless someone else.

Our church has been transforming this community for many years and by faith we are continuing to do so. Our church has been blessing us for a long time and it is still a great blessing to us.

I urge you to prayerfully complete the enclosed *"Take The Step Spiritual Growth Giving"* Card. It is not a legal contract. It is a faith expression. It will help the church do its job and help you realize the wonderful vision God has for your life.

Take The Step!

Sincerely,

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COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TITHING

Should one tithe one's retirement pension?

Yes, to a determined extent. Some of the income was tithed across the years before going into savings.

Isn't tithing all legalism?

Isn't this just keeping the letter of the law? Certainly, we are saved by grace and not works. Tithing will not help us get into Heaven. However, once saved by grace, every Christian is called to grow in grace.

If I have not been tithing, does it mean that I am behind and that I must catch up by paying back tithes?

No. Just begin now. When God forgives. He forgets. Confess your sin and accept God's forgiveness. GO FORWARD AND DON'T LOOK BACK!

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The Spiritual Foundations of Tithing Start with Trusting God

Sacrificing out of income for God's work before we buy for other things.

The Practical Foundations of Tithing Are Consistency and Dependability in Giving

Giving the same amount, 10%, on a regular basis, which means every paycheck.

How Regular (Weekly? Monthly?) And Dependable Are Your Standards for Church Giving Compared to Other Areas of Your Life?

Here Are Some Questions to Consider:

1. If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it faithful?
2. If your refrigerator starts randomly going on and off, would you be okay with that?
3. If you fail to come to work four or five times a month, would your boss consider you dependable?

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STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE NOTES

"And Abraham said to the young men, stay here and the boy and I will go over there and worship." ~ Gensis 22:5

Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac, but he didn't say, "sacrifice," he said "worship." In this sense, sacrifice and worship are the same. This means we cannot worship unless we also sacrifice.

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse . . ." ~ Malachi 3:10a

Do you know why God set 10% as a standard amount for believers to give? Mainly because it is fair for everyone. No matter how rich or poor, 10% for everyone means everyone gives the same amount.

"That poor widow gave more than anyone . . .she gave her whole living." ~ Mark 12:44-45

Which tells us to give the most, the Old Testament under the law or the New Testament under grace? It's the New Testament. Jesus taught to give EVERYTHING! Looking at it this way, we can be happy to only have to tithe.

God has plans to bless you.
If you are not a tither, increase your giving, regularly give every time you get paid, and you will grow into tithing!

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