

Live Like Jesus 1 John 2:6. Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

The Giving Ladder

“The Blessed Life” or “The Stressed Life” Acts 20:35

- _____ GIVER (I want to be a part.) You get on the giving ladder by returning a first-time gift to God through your local church. This is the first step to the blessed life.
- _____ GIVER (This person gives what they can when they can.)
The Good Samaritan Luke 10:35 and The Boy with the loaves and the fish in John 6:9.
- _____ GIVER (They give a predetermined amount on a set schedule.) Isaiah 32:8 NLT
- _____ GIVER (I return the 10% to God through the storehouse, His church.)
I WILL GIVE GOD MY FIRST AND MY BEST SO HE CAN BLESS THE REST. Leviticus 27:30 / Mal 3:8-9

THE BLESSINGS OF THE TITHE

- 1) TITHING PROVIDES FOR GOD’S _____ THROUGH HIS CHURCH. Malachi 3:10a
- 2) TITHING TEACHES ME TO PUT GOD _____. Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB
- 3) TITHING INCREASES MY _____ IN GOD. Malachi 3:10b/Jesus affirmed the tithe. Matthew 23:23 NLT

- _____ GIVER (Giving above and beyond the 10% tithe.)
Philemon 1:6 (NLT) And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.
- _____ GIVER (These are the ones that recognize that all we have here on earth is not for us but it is all for God). The Widow - Mark 12:41-44

Where Are You on This Ladder Today?

NEXT STEP: Today I will honestly answer the question of “Where am I?” on The Giving Ladder.

_ FIRST TIME GIVER _ OCCASIONAL GIVER _ INTENTIONAL GIVER _ TITHING GIVER _ OFFERINGS GIVER _ SACRIFICIAL GIVER

I will commit to grow spiritually and shine brighter for Jesus by taking another step up The Giving Ladder.

NEXT STEP: I will participate in:

- **All Tithe Day Sunday- March 3, 2024**
- **Accept the March, April, and May 2024 Tithing Test Challenge**
- **The Serve the Boro Easter Offering - March 24, 2024**

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Why does Pastor Scott say that the way we handle our money is part of our Spiritual development?
2. How much would you say that you love and trust God? Are you willing to put your money where your mouth is?
3. Share your level of comfort (or discomfort) with the idea of tithing. Discuss your past with tithing experiences and what you’d like your future to be.
4. Discuss the Six Steps of the Giving Ladder from Stressed to Blessed. What steps will you take this week to move up The Giving Ladder?

Answers: First – Time / Occasional / Intentional / Work / First / Faith / Offerings / Sacrificial