

Five Stones Church

Sermon Study

Keep Scripture Relevant with Study Guides



Be Intentional

Before you start your study time, make sure you create an environment for Holy Spirit revelation.

Study Group

You can discuss difficult questions or topics with your small group or study partners.



Note-Taking

Take notes in an organized style to help you understand the subject more clearly. Take notes on Sunday

Become Equipped

Challenge yourself to memorize Scripture and key points from Sunday's sermon



Sermon Study Guide
From Lies to Liberation: Unlocking God's Blessings

Introduction

Opening Prayer:

Start by inviting Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind for pressing deeper into the Word and it's revelations for your life.

Intro:

Tithing is an act of trust and relationship with God. Through tithing, we declare our dependence on His provision, not on worldly wealth. Tithing is a powerful way to express faith, align our hearts with God's purposes, and experience His blessings.

What's the One Thing?

The Tithe is God's Trust Test for Relationships.

Why is This Important?

Tithing reveals who you serve - God or Mammon. Choose Wisely.

Anchor Scripture:

Mark 12:41-44 (NLT)

The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Study Breakdown

Satan's Lies Exposed

Lie 1: Tithing is Only for the Old Testament

While tithing was part of the Old Testament, it goes beyond the Law.

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek long before the Law was given (Genesis 14:18-20). Jesus also affirmed the principle that tithing is not outdated but reflects our faith.

Lie 2: God Wants My Money

God doesn't need our money—He owns everything (Psalm 24:1). What He desires is our heart and our trust.

Tithing helps us avoid making money an idol and keeps us dependent on His provision.

The Purpose of Tithing

1. Reveals Our Spiritual Priorities

Tithing is a reflection of where our heart is. Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). By tithing, we demonstrate that God holds the highest place in our lives.

2. Opens the Door to God’s Provision

Malachi 3:10 promises that when we bring the full tithe, God will “open the windows of heaven” and bless us abundantly. Tithing aligns us with God’s provision in all areas of life, not just financially.

Heart Check: Do You Trust God?

When the subject of tithing comes up, how do you respond? Uneasiness often reveals areas where we struggle to trust God. But remember, God calls us to tithe as an invitation to deepen our trust in Him. When we step out in faith, we experience His faithfulness.

Trust Over Fear

Tithing is a powerful step of faith that positions us to receive God's blessings.

As we trust Him with our finances, we declare that He is our ultimate provider.

Let us bring our tithe with a cheerful heart, knowing that obedience unlocks God's provision.

Reflection Questions

1. How does the widow's offering challenge your understanding of giving?
2. What lies about tithing have influenced your views, and how can you replace them with truth?
3. How can you trust God more through tithing this week?

Press Into Faith

Commit to Daily Prayer and Reflection:

Purposefully identify what your tithe amount is by multiplying your pay by 10% and pray for God to give you the boldness to commit to bringing that amount back to Him.

Evaluate Your Spending:

Your spending reveals where your priorities lie. Anything you spend money on before God's tithe reflects that item is more important than God. Make sure you are not tithing to "gods" of this world.

Take Action on God's Call:

Take a step of faith. Examine your finances and prayerfully consider why you haven't been tithing. Begin in trusting God by bringing the first ten percent to Him. If you are tithing, reflect on how God has provided for you and continue to honor Him

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision and faithfulness. Help us trust You fully, surrendering our hearts and resources in obedience. Lead us to give with joy and faith, knowing You bless those who honor You. Strengthen our relationship with You each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Steps:

- Commit to reading Scripture daily, focusing on putting His Word into practical application so you experience the reality of God in your life.
- Look for opportunities to share the Gospel and invite one person to church.

