

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



Opening Prayer:

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

Anchor Scripture:

James 1:18 (NKJV)

Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Sermon Study Guide
God's Principle of First. Giving That Lasts

Introduction to Tithing

Key Concept:

Tithing is a spiritual principle that aligns our hearts with God. When we tithe, we recognize that everything we have comes from God.

Scripture Reflection :

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV) – 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God... thoroughly equipped for every good work.'

Questions for Reflection :

1. What has been your previous understanding of tithing?
2. How does the concept of tithing challenge or encourage you in your walk with God?

Action Step:

Pray and ask God to reveal any misconceptions or emotional barriers you have about tithing. Write down what He speaks to you.

The Heart of Obedience in Tithing

Key Concept:

Tithing is about reverent obedience, not legalism. It reflects our desire to honor God and draw closer to Him. It is an act of trust, believing that He will provide abundantly for our needs.

Scripture Reflection:

Leviticus 27:30 (NKJV) – 'And all the tithe of the land... it is holy to the Lord.'

Questions for Reflection :

1. What does obedience to God look like in your life beyond tithing?
2. How does tithing challenge your faith in God's provision?

Action Step :

Consider areas in your life where you can practice obedience to God. Write out a prayer committing these areas to Him.

Breaking Financial Soul Ties

Key Concept:

Past financial hurts or manipulation can create unhealthy soul ties to money. God desires to free us from these ties so that we can fully trust Him with our resources.

Scripture Reflection :

Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV) - 'Come to Me, all you who labor... My yoke is easy and My burden is light.'

Questions for Reflection:

1. Have you ever been hurt or manipulated by financial teachings? How did that affect your view of giving?
2. What steps can you take to forgive and break free from these past experiences?

Action Step:

Write down any past negative experiences with money or tithing. Pray for healing and forgiveness, asking God to help you break free from these soul ties.

Understanding God's Provision

Key Concept:

God's provision is not dependent on our ability, but on His faithfulness. He blesses us as a part of His covenant relationship with us. When we tithe, we acknowledge His lordship over our finances.

Scripture Reflection :

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV) – 'And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth...'

Questions for Reflection :

1. How do you view wealth and provision? Do you see it as something you must earn, or as a gift from God?
2. How does tithing help you trust God more in the area of finances?

Action Step :

Make a list of the ways God has provided for you in the past. Use this list as a reminder of His faithfulness as you continue to trust Him.

The Principle of Firstfruits

Key Concept:

Tithing reflects the principle of firstfruits, where we give God our first and best. This principle honors God and consecrates the rest of our finances, protecting them from the enemy's influence.

Scripture Reflection:

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV) – 'Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase...'

Questions for Reflection:

1. What does it mean to give God your 'firstfruits'?
2. How can you prioritize God in your finances and other areas of life?

Action Step:

Evaluate your monthly budget and identify how you can give God the first portion of your income. Commit to honoring Him with your firstfruits.

Breaking the Power of the Devourer

Key Concept:

When we tithe, God promises to protect our finances and rebuke the devourer. Without this protection, our resources are vulnerable to the enemy's schemes.

Scripture Reflection:

Malachi 3:11 (NKJV) – 'And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...'

Questions for Reflection:

1. Have you experienced times where your finances seemed to be under attack? How did you respond?
2. How can tithing become a form of spiritual warfare against financial attacks?

Action Step:

Declare protection over your finances as you commit to tithing. Write down a prayer asking God to rebuke the devourer and protect what He has entrusted to you.

A Life of Trust and Abundance

Key Concept :

God desires for us to live in His abundant favor.

Scripture Reflection:

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) - 'But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.'

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does seeking God's kingdom first change your perspective on tithing and finances?
2. What steps can you take to fully trust God with your resources and live in His abundance?

Action Step:

Write down areas where you are struggling to trust God fully. Commit these areas to Him in prayer, asking for His guidance and provision as you continue to honor Him with your tithe.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the privilege of tithing and honoring You with my firstfruits. Help me to trust You fully, knowing that You are my provider. Break any ties to fear or pride in the area of finances, and lead me into a deeper relationship with You. 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.

