**Give to God what is God’s**

INTRODUCTION

In the Bible and in human living the two primary issues that underlie everything else are (i) love and (ii) sovereignty. Whom do you love the most? What or whom is your highest authority? For most people the choice is either God or self. Love and sovereignty, which are interrelated, determine pretty much all human behaviour – because they determine the direction of the heart. They are **heart issues**. One subject that brings these two issues to the fore is money. And so, according to verses like Luke 16:13, money become a heart-test for every person concerning both love and sovereignty. Money seems to have a unique ‘pull’ on the human heart, and through it mammon seeks to control the human heart. The person who tithes determines that God is first in their heart and sovereign over their life.

SCRIPTURE S

* Genesis 4:1-5
* Genesis 14:14-20 & 28:16-22
* Proverbs 3:9-10
* Luke 16:11-13

Main Points

1. The tithe is the First tenth of your increase.
2. The First determines sovereignty.
3. The First belongs to God. The tithe is holy. (Lev. 27:30-32)
4. The First establishes the direction of my heart, and therefore my life.
5. The tithe honours God as our provider. (Deut. 8:17-18)
6. The tithe provides for God’s house and spiritual leadership. (Numb. 18:21)
7. The tithe advances God’s purposes on the earth.
8. The tithe is part of our response of worship to God.
9. The tithe unblocks God’s blessing. (Prov. 3:9-10)
10. Being trustworthy with money qualifies you to be entrusted with true riches.

QUESTIONS

* What do you think these passages are saying?
* What does this passage say about God?
* What does this passage say about people?
* Is there a command to obey, a sin to avoid or an example we should follow?
* Share how you plan to apply this in your life.

Prayer Points/Upcoming Events

* Easter Egg hunt 9 April 4 pm
* Legacy Offering