



Discipline in Tithing and Giving



Explore biblical principles of discipline in tithing and giving, cultivating a generous heart aligned with God's will and blessings.



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Introduction

Discipline in tithing and giving is a fundamental expression of faith and trust in God. As believers, we are called not only to give but to discipline ourselves in how and when we give. This Bible study plan will guide you through Scripture to understand the importance of consistent giving, the heart behind generosity, and the blessings God promises when we honor Him with our resources.

Giving is more than a financial act; it is a spiritual discipline that reflects our priorities and relationship with God. It challenges us to trust God's provision and to put His kingdom first in our lives. By cultivating discipline in our tithing and giving, we align ourselves with God's purposes and open the door for His abundant blessings.

Over the next five days, you will explore key Scriptures, reflect on your heart's posture towards giving, and be encouraged to develop a consistent, joyful practice of generosity. Whether you are new to tithing or looking to deepen your commitment, this study invites you into a transformative journey of stewardship and spiritual growth.

As you engage with each day's devotional and reflection, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in understanding how discipline in giving not only impacts your life but also extends God's love and provision to others. Let's begin this journey with open hearts and a willingness to grow in grace and generosity.





Day 1: 💰 The Call to Faithful Giving



Your Verse

Malachi 3:10 - "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 3:9 - "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;"*
- *2 Corinthians 9:7 - "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*



Devotional: Faithful Giving Requires Joyful Discipline

God calls us to faithful giving as an act of obedience and trust. Malachi 3:10 challenges us to bring the whole tithe, not part, to Him. This is a test not just of finances but of faith. Will we trust God with our resources? Proverbs reminds us to honor God with our wealth, prioritizing Him above all. Giving isn't merely about meeting a quota; it's a heartfelt response to God's goodness.

Being disciplined in our giving means setting aside the first portion for God consistently. It requires intentionality and commitment, a disciplined practice that honors God first before our own needs. Paul encourages a cheerful heart in giving, not a reluctant one. Our discipline should come with joy, reflecting gratitude and trust.

Faithful giving moves us beyond sporadic generosity to a lifestyle that reflects God's faithfulness to us. It grows our spiritual maturity and aligns our hearts with God's purposes.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does the idea of 'testing God' in Malachi 3:10 challenge or encourage my trust in Him?

2. In what ways can I become more intentional and disciplined in setting aside my tithe or offerings?

3. What attitudes do I need to change about giving to offer it cheerfully rather than reluctantly?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your current approach to giving and what challenges you face in being disciplined.

2. Reflect on a time when disciplined giving led to a blessing or spiritual growth in your life.

3. List practical steps you can take to become more consistent and joyful in your giving.



Day 1: 💰 The Call to Faithful Giving

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to trust You fully with my giving. Teach me to be disciplined and joyful as I bring my tithes and offerings to You. May my giving reflect my love and obedience, opening the door for Your blessings. Strengthen my faith to trust Your provision in every area. *Thank You for being my provider and guide.*





Day 2: Understanding Stewardship's Role



Your Verse

1 Corinthians 4:2 - "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 16:10 - "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."*
- *Psalms 24:1 - "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"*



Devotional: Stewardship Inspires Faithful Giving

Discipline in giving flows from understanding that everything we have belongs to God. Psalm 24:1 reminds us of God's ownership over all creation. Our resources are entrusted to us, and we are responsible stewards. 1 Corinthians 4:2 emphasizes faithfulness—God expects us to be reliable with what He has given.

Stewardship is more than just paying tithes; it's a lifestyle of recognizing God's ownership and managing His resources with care and discipline. Luke 16:10 highlights that faithfulness in small things, like giving, is a test of our trustworthiness. The discipline needed to give consistently and generously demonstrates our integrity as stewards.

When we embrace our role as stewards, giving becomes a natural expression of our loyalty and love for God. This attitude helps develop the discipline necessary to maintain regular giving, even when it might be difficult.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing God owns everything impact the way I view my finances?

2. In what ways can I be more faithful and disciplined as a steward of God's resources?

3. Where might I be hesitant to trust God with my giving, and why?



Journaling Prompts

1. Journal about your current view of stewardship and how it affects your giving habits.

2. List areas of your finances where you can show greater faithfulness and discipline.

3. Write a prayer surrendering your financial stewardship fully to God.



Day 2: 📖 Understanding Stewardship's Role

Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to be a faithful steward of all You have given me. Help me understand that everything I have belongs to You, and guide me to manage my resources with discipline and integrity. Strengthen me to be trustworthy in small things so I can be entrusted with more. May my giving honor You daily. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*





Day 3: ✨ The Heart Behind Giving



Your Verse

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... God loves a cheerful giver."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:21 - "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*
- *Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



Devotional: Giving That Reflects a Joyful Heart

Discipline in giving is not just about the amount but the heart attitude. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians that the way we give determines our spiritual harvest. A cheerful heart honors God far more than a mere habit of giving.

Jesus teaches that our treasure reflects our heart (Matthew 6:21), which calls us to examine not only our discipline but also our motivation. Are we giving out of obligation, guilt, or genuine joy? This honest reflection can transform our giving into a joyful discipline.

When our hearts align with God's desires, discipline in giving becomes a celebration of God's provision and our participation in His work. Acts reminds us that blessing flows from giving, encouraging us to cultivate a generous and joyful heart.



Reflect and Apply

1. What emotions do I associate with giving, and how do they influence my discipline?

2. How can I cultivate a cheerful heart that delights in generous giving?

3. Where might my treasure be misplaced, and how can I realign my heart with God's priorities?



Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on your feelings about your last few acts of giving—were they joyful or reluctant?

2. Write about any obstacles in your heart that hinder cheerful giving.

3. List practical ways you can nurture joy and generosity in your giving habits.



Day 3: ✨ The Heart Behind Giving

Prayer for Today

Lord, mold my heart to be cheerful and generous in my giving. Help me to give out of love and gratitude rather than obligation. May my discipline in giving reflect a heart fully surrendered to You, rejoicing in the privilege to contribute to Your kingdom. Teach me to sow generously and reap Your abundant blessings. *Amen.*





Day 4: 🕒 Consistency in Discipline



Your Verse

Hebrews 12:11 – "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Galatians 6:9 – "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*
- *Philippians 4:19 – "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*



Devotional: The Blessing of Consistent Discipline

Discipline often involves perseverance even when it's challenging. Hebrews reminds us that discipline may not always feel pleasant, but it leads to lasting righteousness and peace. Consistently practicing disciplined giving develops spiritual maturity and trust in God.

Paul encourages believers not to grow weary in doing good, including in disciplined giving. Even when financial constraints or doubts arise, staying consistent opens the door for God's provision (Philippians 4:19).

Through persistent discipline, our faith grows stronger, and we experience the peace that comes from trusting God's faithfulness. This consistency in tithing and giving safeguards our hearts from wavering and anchors us in God's promises.



Reflect and Apply

1. What difficulties have I faced in maintaining consistent giving, and how have I handled them?

2. How can understanding the long-term spiritual benefits of discipline encourage me to persist?

3. What promises from God can I hold onto when giving feels difficult?



Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a time when perseverance in a spiritual discipline led to growth or blessing.

2. Identify areas where you tend to give up easily and write about ways to strengthen your resolve.

3. Write a list of God's promises that will encourage you to remain disciplined in giving.



Day 4: 🕒 Consistency in Discipline

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, help me to remain consistent in my giving, even when it is **hard**. Teach me to persevere in discipline, trusting that You will provide and bless my faithfulness. Give me strength to overcome weariness and steadfastness to sow generously over time. May my steady giving produce righteousness and peace. *Amen.*





Day 5: ✨ Embracing Generosity as Lifestyle



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Your Verse

Romans 12:13 – "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Timothy 6:18 – "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."*
- *Luke 6:38 – "Give, and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*



Day 5: ✨ Embracing Generosity as Lifestyle

Devotional: Living a Generous Life through Discipline

Discipline in tithing and giving becomes the foundation for a generous lifestyle. Romans 12:13 calls us to share with those in need and open our lives in hospitality. This lifestyle reflects the heart of God, who gives abundantly.

Timothy exhorts us to be rich in good deeds and eager to share. When discipline in giving evolves into generosity that flows freely and willingly, it impacts not only our lives but also those around us.

God's promise in Luke assures us that generous giving returns blessings beyond measure. Embracing generosity as a way of life requires ongoing discipline but offers eternal rewards, transforming our perspective from scarcity to abundance and enabling us to be a blessing to others.



Day 5: ✨ Embracing Generosity as Lifestyle

Reflect and Apply

1. How can I move from disciplined giving to a lifestyle of generosity?

2. In what practical ways can I share and practice hospitality as part of my giving?

3. How does God's promise in Luke 6:38 motivate me to give more freely?



Day 5: ✨ Embracing Generosity as Lifestyle

Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on how your giving can extend beyond tithing to daily acts of generosity.

2. List people or ministries you feel called to support regularly and how you can do this.

3. Write a prayer committing to live a lifestyle characterized by generous discipline.



Day 5: ✨ Embracing Generosity as Lifestyle

Prayer for Today

Lord, inspire me to live generously as a lifestyle, not just a discipline. Help me to share willingly with those in need and practice hospitality as a reflection of Your love. Teach me to give freely, trusting Your promise to bless abundantly. May my generosity bring glory to Your name and blessings to others. *Amen.*





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