

## The **SECOND STEP** in PROSPERITY

### A. DOES GOD WANT US PROSPEROUS?

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| 1. The Lord has pleasure in our prosperity. | Psalm 35:27  |
| 2. Affirm constantly.                       | Titus 3:8    |
| 3. Wealth and riches will be in our house.  | Psalm 112:3  |
| 4. May the Lord increase you more and more. | Psalm 115:14 |
| 5. Prosper in all things.                   | 3 John:2     |

### B. THE FIRST STEP

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| 1. The Tithe --- God's 10%.   | Mal 3:8-12 |
| 2. Giving the tithe to God is the test, with God rewarding our FAITH and OBEDIENCE. |            |

### C. THE SECOND STEP

1. Offerings over and above the tithe.
2. Webster's Dictionary: presentation of a gift, a contribution, a sacrifice to God in worship and thanksgiving.
3. Zondervan's Bible Dictionary: the need for purification from sin or the desire of the worshipper to enter into fellowship with God.
4. Old Testament / Old Covenant OFFERINGS
  - a. Different types for different purposes with different specifications.
    - 1) Sin Offering (provided for acts of unconscious transgressions, mistakes, or other inadvertencies. Lev 4:1-35
    - 2) Trespass Offering (or Guilt Offering, signified restitution). Lev 5:14-6:7
    - 3) Peace Offering (for right spiritual relations with God). Lev 3:1-17
    - 4) Meal or Meat Offering (in services of consecration). Exod 29:41
    - 5) Drink Offering (accompanied many sacrifices). Gen 28:18 & 35:14
    - 6) Wave or Heave Offering for peace: movement back and forth, and up and down, making the sign of the cross). Exod 29 24-28

- b. Tithes and Offerings must follow the letter of the law but be given to God in the spirit of the law with right attitude and expectation (partnership --- we do our part and God will do His part).

## 5. God's Scriptural Support for Giving Offerings

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| a. Work to have something to give.                    | Eph 4:28      |
| b. Robbing God in Tithes and Offerings.               | Mal 3:8       |
| c. Give Offerings so as not to rob God.               | Eph 4:28      |
| d. Cast your bread upon the waters.                   | Eccl 11:1     |
| e. Scatter (be generous) and increase (be made rich). | Prov 11:24-25 |
| f. Give and it will be given unto you.                | Luke 6:38     |
| g. As you sow, so shall you reap.                     | 2 Cor 9:6-7   |
| h. The Parable of the Sower.                          | Mark 4        |
| i. Seed yields according to its kind.                 | Gen 1:12      |

## 6. Practical Applications in Giving Offerings

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| a. Name your seed.   | Gen 1:12               |
| 1) 30-, 60-, 100-fold return.  | Mark 4:20              |
| 2) Seed yields after its own kind.   | Gen 1:12               |
| 3) The latter rain overtaking the former rain.   | James 5:7<br>Amos 9:13 |
| b. Have money with you at all times (cash, checks, etc.).  |                        |
| c. Money Magnet (not for spending nor for emergency nor for a rainy day, but for GIVING as the Holy Spirit directs). | Matt 25:29; Luke 19:26 |
| d. Give at every opportunity.  | Prov 11 & Eccl 11      |
| e. Do not despise small beginnings.  | Zech 4:10              |
| 1) Special project: break into smaller steps.  |                        |
| f. Don't be weary in well-doing.   | Gal 6:9                |
| g. Abound to every good work.  | 2 Cor 9:8 AmpC         |
| h. LIVE to GIVE!!  |                        |