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I. PAY TITHING

- GENERALLY CALCULATED AS BEING 10 PERCENT OF YOUR INCREASE

Hebrews 7:1-9 – “To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all;...”

Alma 10:8,9 - “And it was this same Melchisedec to whom Abraham paid tithes: yea, even our father Abraham paid tithes of one tenth part of all that he possessed.”

- PAYING TITHES WAS PRACTICED THROUGHOUT TIME, AND IS GIVING BACK TO GOD A PORTION OF WHAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU.

Genesis 14:17-20 – “And he gave him tithes of all.”

Exodus 23:16-19 – “The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God.”

Leviticus 27:30-33 – “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's...”

Deuteronomy 12:6 – “And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, “

Numbers 18:24-28 – “But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord”

Nehemiah 13: 10-14 – “Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.”

Proverbs 15:16 – “Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith”

Amos 4:4 – “... bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes ”

Malachi 3:7-11- “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.”

- OBEDIENCE IN TITHES BRINGS BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

3 Nephi 11:9-13 - “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Proverbs 3:9,10 – “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

- TITHES ARE NOT TO BE DONE IN PLACE OF ALL THE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CHRISTIAN RATHER IN CONJUNCTION

Matthew 23:23 / Luke 11:42 – “But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

II. GIVING OF OFFERINGS

- WHAT ARE OFFERINGS? (GOD DESIRES US TO GENEROUSLY AND FREELY GIVE A PORTION OF YOUR RICHES TO HELP OTHERS AND IS DONATED ABOVE THE PAYING OF TITHING)

Luke 6:30-34 "Give to every man that asketh of thee; And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye..."

1 Corinthians 16:1,2 "...concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. [1 Cor 16:2] Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, ..."

Galatians 6:9-10 - "...let us not be weary in well doing...As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,..."

➤ TO BE GIVEN FREELY, QUIETLY AND WITH WITHOUT GRUDGING

Genesis 4:3,4 "Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: "

Luke 21:1-4 "...that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all..."

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 - "... soweth bountifully ...not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver..."

Matthew 6:1-4 & 3 Ne 5:93-96 "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret..."

3 Nephi 5:86-88 "Give to him that asketh thee,... turn thou not away."

➤ THE INTENT OF AN OFFERING TO SUPPORT THE MISSIONARIES, SUPPORT THE POOR, CLOTH THE NAKED, FEED THE HUNGRY, MINISTER UNTO THE SICK AND AFFLICTED

Luke 3:9-11 "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise"

Romans 15:25,26 "...to make a certain contribution for the poor saints ..."

Luke 10:1-12 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two ... Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: ... And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you..."

2 Corinthians 11:7-9 ...I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. ...for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: ..."

Jacob 2:22-24 be familiar with all, and free with your substance, ...for the intent to do good; to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick, and the afflicted."

Mosiah 9:60-64 "...the church should impart of their substance, every one according to that which he had; ...they should impart of their substance, of their own free will and good desires towards God, and to those priests that stood in need, yea, and to every needy, naked soul., imparting to one another, both temporally and spiritually, according to their needs and their wants."

Mosiah 2:43,44 "I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally, ..."

Alma 1:39,40 "And they did impart of their substance every man according to that which he had, to the poor, and the needy, and the sick, and the afflicted;"

Alma 16:223-225 "And now behold, my brethren, I say unto you, Do not suppose that this is all; for after ye have done all these things, if ye turn away the

needy, and the naked, and visit not the sick and afflicted, and impart of your substance if ye have, to those who stand in need”

III. BE A GOOD STEWARD OF YOUR LIVES

- THIS BODY AND LIFE OF OURS IS NOT OUR OWN, IT WAS BOUGHT WITH A PRICE, WE ARE MERELY STEWARDS OVER IT. **ROMANS 12:1-3** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19,20** “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
 - 1 Corinthians 7:23,24** “Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.”
 - Luke 16:1-13** “...the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.”
 - 1 Tim 6:17-19** “Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”
 - Jacob 2:21-23** “And, O that ye would listen unto the word of his commands, and let not this pride of your hearts destroy your souls. But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God.”

- GOOD STEWARD OF YOUR TIME, RESOURCES AND GIFTS
 - Proverbs 19:15** – Be not slothful or idle
 - Proverbs 31:10-31** Example of an industrious woman
 - Isaiah 65:22** – No freeloaders, everyone works
 - Luke 3:12-14** – Do your job diligently for wages hires at and be content
 - 1 Corinthians 4:1,2** – be trustworthy
 - Titus 1:7-9** – Hard work, good example – honest earnings
 - 1 John 3:17-21** – Remember necessity of offerings and compassion
 - James 1:27** – Give of your time to help others
 - 1 Peter 4:9,10** – Use your gifts to help others
 - Colossians 4:5** - Redeem the time (take every opportunity to serve God)
 - Ephesians 5:16** - Redeem the time (take every opportunity to serve God)
 - 2 Nephi 4:15-26** – with hard work one can be industrious and prosper
 - Alma 16:230** - For after this day of life, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness, wherein there can be no labor performed.
 - Alma 17:78** – The slothful will not prosper

- LABOR (WORK) FOR YOUR OWN SUPPORT
 - Genesis 3:17-19** – It is man’s duty to work

Matthew 5:16 – Let your light shine, work glorifies God
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 – Do not be dependent on others for your support, don't work you don't eat
1 Timothy 5:8 – Provide for your family
2 Nephi 4:14-26 – Industrious labor to defend against the enemies of life
2 Nephi 4:39 – Idle people are full of mischief
Mosiah 6:31-33 – prosperity comes with work
Mosiah 4:8-10 – everyone must work as they are able
Mosiah 9:57-59 – Ministry are to labor (work) for their own support

IV. PARTICIPATION IN THE CHURCH

➤ ATTENDANCE IN LOCALS WITH OTHER MEMBERS

Matthew 18:20 - Where two or three meet together God is in their midst
Hebrews 10:25 – Forsake not the assembly of yourselves
1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Comfort yourselves together, and edify one another
Philippians 1:27 - Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together
Acts 20:7 - And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came
Mosiah 9:56-58 - One day in every week set apart to gather themselves together
Alma 1:37 - The people also left their labors to hear the word of God.
Alma 4:6 – Gather together often
Moroni 6:6 - Meet together often

➤ PRAYER

2 Nephi 14:11,12 – it is Satan who teaches us not to pray
Matthew 9:37,38 – Pray God will send forth labourers into his harvest
1 Timothy 2:8 – Men pray every where
James 5:16 - The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
Colossians 4:2 – Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
Alma 16:219,220 –continue in prayer unto him; over every aspect of your life
Alma 4:6 - join in fasting and mighty prayer, in behalf of the welfare of the souls
3 Nephi 8:47-54 - Ye must watch and pray always, lest ye be tempted by the devil
Moroni 6:6 - met together oft, to fast and to pray,

➤ TESTIFY/WITNESS OF GOD'S GOODNESS (The word witness in Greek is "Martus" or "Martur" which signifies one that gives testimony to the truth at the expense of his life. It is from which we get our English word Martyr. According to the dictionary, to testify is what a person does who has seen or knows something, therefore competent to give evidence concerning it, furnishing the evidence or proof.)

Acts 4:20 – Peter and John can not help but speak of all they had seen and heard
Acts 5:31,32 – The apostles are witnesses of Jesus Christ
Acts 22:14,15 – Thou shalt be the witness unto all men
2 Peter 1:16 - Not followed cunningly devised fables but were eyewitnesses
1 John 1:3 – what we have seen and heard we declare unto you
2 Nephi 13: 9,16,18 – witness unto God that you are ready keep commandments
Mosiah 9:39-42 – stand as a witness of God at all times
Moroni 6:2 – witnessed unto the church they repented
Moroni 7:32 – declaring the word of Christ and bear testimony of him

➤ FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BELIEVERS

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 – All members are of one body

Philippians 1:1-5 - Blessed from fellowship with the body

Galatians 2:9 – extend the right hand of fellowship

1 John 1:3-7 Fellowship with the saints

◆ HOWEVER WE ARE TO HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH

1 Corinthians 10:20 - Demons

Ephesians 5:6-12 – Works of darkness

2 Thessalonians – Those who teach another gospel than Christ's

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 - not to company with fornicators: the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters, a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner;

➤ PARTAKE OF THE COMMUNION (LORD'S SUPPER)

Luke 22:19,20 – Partake in remembrance

John 6:53 – Except you partake there is no life in you

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 – Commandment to partake in remembrance

1 Corinthians 11:27-31 - Examine yourself, do not partake unworthy

3 Nephi 8:28-36 – Partake to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Moroni 6:6 – Meet together oft to partake of the bread and the wine

V. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

➤ STUDY

John 5:39 - Search the scriptures; they are they which testify of me

John 8:47 - He that is of God heareth God's words

1 Tim 4:13 - Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to show yourself approved ... rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Nephi 2:62-69 - Forward through the mist of darkness, clinging to the rod of iron

1 Nephi 3:68 - The rod of iron was the word of God,

1 Nephi 3:183-186 - I will be merciful unto the Gentiles in that day, insomuch that I will bring forth unto them in mine own power, much of my gospel, which shall be plain and precious, saith the Lamb;

2 Nephi 13:28-31 - press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ

2 Nephi 14:4 - Feast upon the words of Christ; they will tell you what you should do

Mosiah 1:7 - have his commandments always before our eyes

Mosiah 1:35-39 - words which he spake, should be written and sent forth

Alma 16:175-177 - ye ought to search the scriptures;

Mormon 4:27,28 – Search the prophecies of Isaiah

3 Nephi 4:69,70 - let him understand; he that hath the scriptures, let him search them

3 Nephi 10:26,27, 38-41 - search these things diligently;

➤ SERVICE TO OTHERS

Luke 17:10 - We are unprofitable servants: we have done which was our duty to do.

Luke 19:13 - And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Luke 14:13 When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Galatians 5:13,14 – You have been called unto liberty; but do not use this liberty to serve the flesh, but by love serve one another. (**2 Ne 1:119,120** Wherefore,

men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life)

Philippians 2:3-8 - Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

1 Peter 2:18,19 - Be good employees and subject unto your employer regardless if you like it or not. "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully."

Mosiah 9:39,40 - desirous to come into the fold of God, be willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light; willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort,

Mosiah 1:49 - when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.

Alma 16:228,29 - the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.

Mosiah 2:24 - live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due.

➤ **BE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS**

Matthew 5:16 – Let your light shine, work glorifies God

John 13:35 - By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1 Timothy 3:7 - We must have a good report of them which are without;

1 Timothy 4:12 – Be an example of a believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Titus 2:11-15 – deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this world; that he might redeem us and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works

Luke 11:33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, should put it on a candlestick for others to see.

Romans 12:2 We are not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. **Deuteronomy 14:2** Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people and above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Ephesians 4:1-4 - To walk worthy of the vocation to which you are called

Philippians 3:15-18 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded and let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Be followers together of the saints and recognize them which walk in such manner as examples

2 Thessalonians 3:8-10 Be humble and good of good character not because of lack of power rather to be a good example for others to follow

Alma 12:18 - Go among others showing forth good examples being an instrument of God in doing so.

3 Nephi 8:48,49 - Jesus set the example for us

3 Nephi 8:55 – Jesus was a light, do as he did.

◆ **Bad examples Hinders the progress of Others**

1 Nephi 6:30 - wickedness of the pastors of my people; caused a breaking ¶ and scattering of His people

Alma 2:17,18 – The example of the church began to lead those who were unbelievers, on from one piece of iniquity to another, bringing on the destruction of the people;

Jacob 2:62 - Can grieve the hearts of your children because of the example that you have set before them;