

**TREASURE CHEST**  
**Series – “It’s Time To Make A Deal”**  
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*Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21, NLT).*

*“It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being”  
(Matthew 6:21, MSG).*

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine” (Proverbs 3:9-10, NLT).*

‡ **The word translated as “honor” is the Hebrew word [כָּבֵד, kabbed] and it literally means “heavy, burdensome, weighty.” The way it came to mean “honor” is to that to honor someone means “to lend someone weight” or “to acknowledge someone as weighty.”**

*“Honor your father and your mother” (Exodus 20:12, NIV).*

† **The word tithe is from the Old Testament and it is the Hebrew word [עֲשָׂרָה, masar] and it means “ten, tenth, 10%.”**

**HOW DOES THE TITHE RELATE TO US TODAY?**

**1. THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR INCOME COMES BACK TO GOD.**

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. 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 that you will not have room enough for it” (Malachi 3:10, NIV).*

**2. WE SET ASIDE THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD IN \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy” (Exodus 20:9-11, NIV).*

*“Set apart every firstborn male for Me. Every firstborn male offspring among the Israelites is Mine, whether human or animal” (Exodus 13:2, GWT).*

*(See also Ex. 13:2; 22:29; 34:19; Lev. 27:26; Num. 3:13; 8:17; 18:15; & Deut. 15:19).*

*“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God” (Ex. 23:19, NIV).*

*“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives” (Deut. 14:23b, TLB).*

*“You must bring the best of the first produce harvested from your soil to the house of the LORD your God”  
(Ex. 23:19, GWT).*

*“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it”  
(Matthew 16:18, NIV).*

**3. WE \_\_\_\_\_ THE TITHE TO GOD; WE DO NOT \_\_\_\_\_ A TITHE TO GOD.**

*“The Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything” (2 Chron. 31:5, NIV).*

*“Can a person cheat God? Yet, you are cheating me! “But you ask, ‘How are we cheating you?’ “When you don’t bring a tenth of your income and other contributions. <sup>9</sup>So a curse is on you” (Malachi 3:8-9a, GWT).*

*“Jericho and everything in it must be completely destroyed as an offering to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies” (Joshua 6:17, NLT).*

*“Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. <sup>19</sup>Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury” (Joshua 6:18-19, NLT).*

*“So approximately 3,000 warriors were sent, but they were soundly defeated. The men of Ai <sup>5</sup>chased the Israelites from the town gate as far as the quarries, and they killed about thirty-six who were retreating down the slope. The Israelites were paralyzed with fear at this turn of events, and their courage melted away” (Joshua 7:4-5, NLT).*

*“It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>21</sup>Among the plunder I saw a beautiful robe from Babylon, 200 silver coins, and a bar of gold weighing more than a pound. I wanted them so much that I took them. They are hidden in the ground beneath my tent, with the silver buried deeper than the rest” (Joshua 7:20-21, NLT).*

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*“I am the LORD, and I do not change” (Mal. 3:6a, NLT).*

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8, NLT).*

*(See Genesis 4; 14; 22).*

*“On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned” (1 Cor. 16:2, NLT).*

*“It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6, NLT).*

*“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives” (Deuteronomy 14:23b, TLB).*

*“Your heart will be where your treasure is” (Matthew 6:21, GWT).*

*“Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5, NIV).*

*“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Proverbs 4:23, NIV).*

#### **4. WE STRIVE TO GO TO A \_\_\_\_\_ IN TITHING.**

*“If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your back, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Live generously” (Matthew 5:40-42, MSG/NLT).*

*“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment!” (Matt. 5:21-22a, NLT).*

*“You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:27-28, NLT).*

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**If “X” marks the treasure of your heart, where is your heart?**