

IT'S A KINGDOM THING

Over the past two weeks we have been looking at the importance of tithing and this morning I want to talk about how tithing relates to the Kingdom of God.

Colossians 1:13 – He has rescued us out of the kingdom of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His Son.”

In His earthly ministry, Jesus mentions the kingdom of God 80 times. This topic is mentioned 109 times in the New Testament and over 200 times throughout the Bible.

Mathew 3:1 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “**Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**”

Mark 1:14-15 – Jesus came to Galilee, preaching **the gospel of the kingdom of God**, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Luke 4:43 – “I must preach **the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.”

TITHING SHOWS US KINGDOM DESIGN

Matthew 6:31-33 ... do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

KINGDOM OF GIFTS

- Initiated by gifts- **John 3** – “For God so loved the world that He gave...”
- Sustained by gifts - **Ephesians 2** – “For by grace you are saved through faith... it is the gift of God”
- Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit – **Acts 1 & 2**
- Advanced by Gifts – **1 Corinthians 12:9** - Healing, miracles, word of wisdom, knowledge and faith...prayer languages
- Hospitality Gifts outlined in **Romans 12**

TITHING DEVELOPS A KINGDOM ATTITUDE

An attitude of gratitude... is the attitude of the kingdom

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 - For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing...

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, **praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.** ¹¹ **Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God,**...

¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down ...¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ **But remember the LORD your God,** for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

Titus 3:5 - he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

TITHING GIVES US A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

God’s kingdom is a kingdom of worship

Hebrews 7:8 – Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

When we tithe, we declare, “I know who You are... I recognize You alone are my God... I believe in You...I believe You are alive!”