

KINGDOM MINDSET

In His earthly ministry Jesus mentions the kingdom of God directly 80 times... and this topic is mentioned 109 times in the NT and over 200 times in 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.”

He taught the people in the parables...

- The kingdom of God is like a man who finds a pearl...
- The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground...
- The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed...

He prayed, “Lord, Yours is the kingdom...”

In every way Jesus tried to convince the people of the reality of the kingdom of God

Luke 17:20 ...the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 9:2 - He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Today I want to talk to you about how tithing relates to the kingdom of God ...

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.

We have grown up in a “me first” mindset. But Jesus comes along and says, “That’s not how My kingdom operates... the world seeks after this, but I have something better for you. Seek first the kingdom...”

Kingdom of Gifts

Initiated by gifts: **John 3:16** - For God so loved the world that He gave

Sustained by gifts: **Ephesians 2:8** – 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 12:8-9** - To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by that one Spirit, healing, miracles, word of wisdom, knowledge and faith...

Hospitality Gifts: **Romans 12:6-7** – ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophecy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Tithings Reflects a Kingdom Attitude

Tithing fosters a grateful heart

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. ¹⁷You 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...

Tithing is a continual reminder of the goodness of God... a continual reminder that all we have comes from Him a continual reminder...

Tithing Gives us a Kingdom Perspective

God's kingdom is a kingdom of worship

Hebrews 7:24-26 – ²⁴ But because Jesus lives forever, His priesthood lasts forever. ²⁵ Therefore He is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. ²⁶ He is the kind of high priest we need because He is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. (NLT)

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

TCC- When you tithe in this life He receives them!

- Men may collect them. It may come to a local church, but He receives them as worship. A token of our heart.

TCC- When you tithe it's worship!

- Nothing more telling, and no greater proof in this life of your faith in God than your tithe. Why would you give anything to a dead God?

TCC - When you tithe you declare God is alive!

- I recognize you alone are my God... I believe in you...I believe you are alive