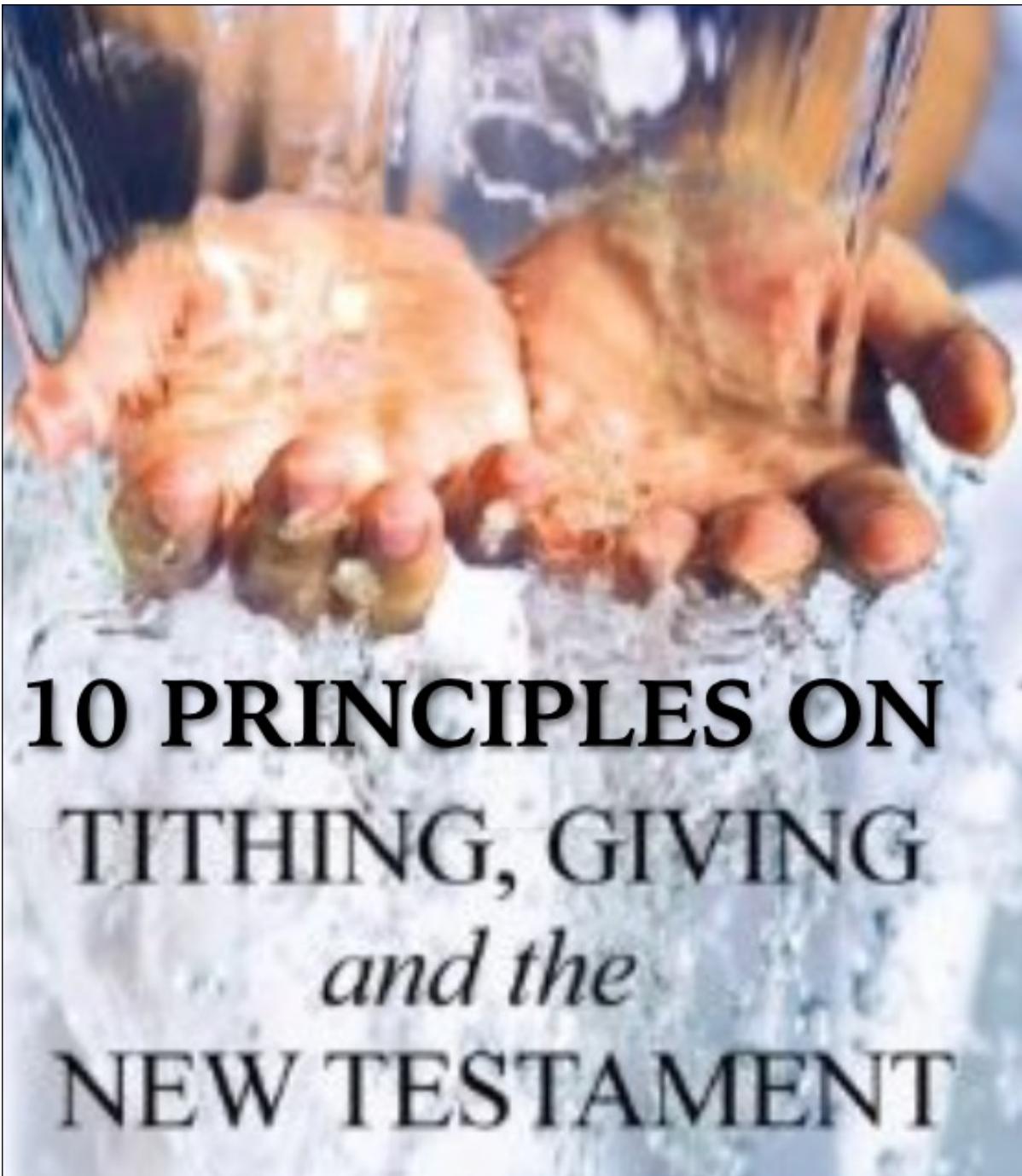

Ten Principles On Giving

Things To Think About As You Pray Over How And Who To Give To

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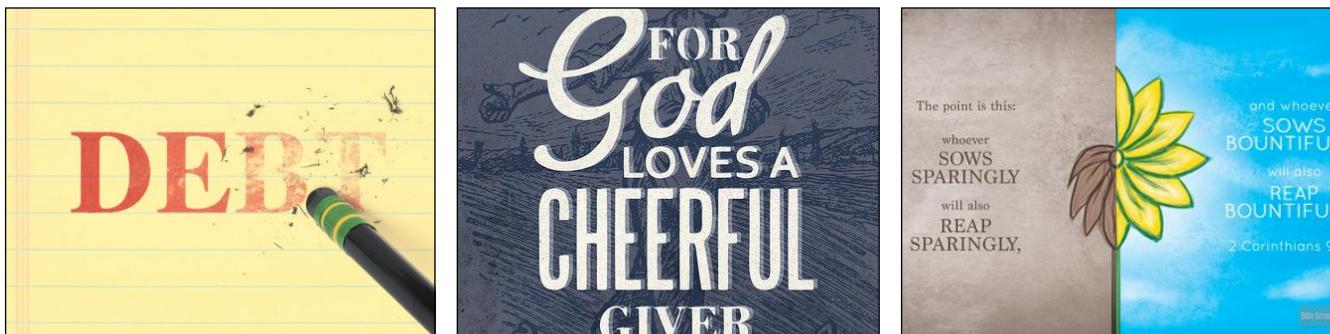
10 Principles

1). God hates debt! He doesn't want you in debt!

“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.”

Romans 13:8 KJV

2). While there isn't a New Testament percentage or legalistic requirement on giving, God still loves and expects you to give.



“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 KJV

3). If you gave under the Law 10% and the Law could not redeem you, then what should you give under grace?

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Matthew 22:37-39 KJV

4). God holds back some blessings from stingy souls. (Pay attention to the 'reaping what you sow' verse above).

5). If you can't give cheerfully then don't. (Referenced from 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 above).

6). A core value for Jesus was the unity of the congregation.

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

John 17:21-23 KJV

7). It might be cliche for people to say, " I don't believe in organized religion" but God did ordain a local body of Believers to be His Church. (reference Ephesians Chapter 4)

8). The church(we, you) have a responsibility to take care of those who are less fortunate.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

James 1:27 KJV

9). The church itself incurs expenses. (Lights, mortgages)

10). If you are waiting until you "get rich" to give and you live in America....you are probably richer than 90 percent of the rest of the world. News flash....you are rich!

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"

Revelation 3:17 KJV