

Be Liberal

Text: Deuteronomy 14:22-15:11

Introduction:

1. This book is actually Moses farewell sermons. Moses will not be going into the Promised Land. Joshua will be the chosen leader to lead the people of God into the Promised Land. This is the 11th month of the 40th year and before he dies, he is preparing the next generation to be ready to go in and possess the land.
2. What was the reason why the old generation was not able to enter into the promise land? Because of their **unbelief**. The unbelief of the people was so strong that it limited the power of God. ***Ps 78:40 ¶ How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.***
3. Unbelief is still working in the minds and hearts of God's people today. In the New testament especially in the Gospel of Matthew and Mark another word stands out that made the power of the Word of God ineffective, the word "**tradition**". The Lord said in ***Mark 7:9 Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.***
4. **For example:** The Catholic holds to tradition. The belief that you need the 7 sacraments to go to heaven. Infant baptism, Holy Communion, Mass, Absolution of sins, holy marriage (they believe that nuns are married to Christ through the church and the priest are married to the Roman Catholic Church) and extreme unction will bring them to heaven. Plus the tradition of you can pray for the dead and even pray in front of an idol of Mary and a long list of saints and canonized martyrs and popes. These are traditions of men and made the word of God ineffective. Followers of these traditions will ultimately go to hell because the sacraments and prayers and devotion to Mary cannot take any person to heaven.

5. **This is very sad**, if you go all over the world and see the field of men, Millions of people are already in hell and billions of people are on their way to hell because the tradition of men had made the Gospel ineffective and unbelief of men had caused them not to believe the Word of God.
 6. I would like to cheer you up in this series of messages.
God loveth a cheerful giver. SO BE LIBERAL.
 7. I'm not talking about being loose in your theology or being liberal minded in your politics. I'm talking about being liberal, being big hearted in your relationship with God and to people.
- I. **Tithing is the starting point of Liberality.**

De 14:22 ¶ Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

There are three tithes in the OT

1. Levitical Tithe - yearly
2. Festival Tithe - yearly
3. Poor Tithe – At the end of the 3rd year

Tithe – 4 times, Tithes – 3 times, Offering – 4 times, Offerings – 12 times.

When you combine the first 2 it totals 20% and on the 3rd year it reaches to 30%.

In our Church, the way we do it resembles the Levitical Tithe. The 10% of **all thine increase**. In **Proverbs 3:10** it says **the firstfruit of all thine increase**. But then when we prepare for 2 special events for the year namely: World Missions Conference and the Anniversary, we encourage one another and provoke one another set aside an offering and be liberal to meet the needs of these important event and festivity.

The reason why God wanted you to pay because it is the starting point of Liberality. The tithe first because God has a special promise to His special people about it.

A. Tithing shows that God is first in our finances.

God must be honored as the most special Person in our life.
This commandment should be

If ye love me keep my commandments. Jesus Christ came ***not to destroy the law but to fulfill it.***

As I was observing the 10 commandments, I took time to think through and composed the 10 commandments concerning money. I know this would be practical.

- 1. Thou shalt have no other owner. There is only one owner***
- 2. Thou shalt not be conformed with money . Huwag mag mukhang pera.***
- 3. Thou shalt not spend money in vain.***
- 4. Remember to bring the tithes on Sunday.***
- 5. Honor thy Church with offerings***
- 6. Thou shalt not kill the ministers and ministry of the Lord.***
- 7. Thou shalt not commit financial adultery***
- 8. Thou shalt not bear false witness about your commitments***
- 9. Thou shalt not steal other men's money.***
- 10. Thou shalt not covet other men's money.***

B. God has a special promise to tithers.

The Special Promise of Tithing is found in ***Malachi 3 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine 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. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

1. **He will open the windows of heaven.** The Bible says, you have to prove God *if He will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing.*
- **What are windows for?** Put the desktop screen of the computer. This is the windows 7 desktop theme. I like this desktop design with the backdrop of a blue sky on my computer or laptop. When I was thinking of windows of heaven, I kind of wander a little bit and thought about a question, why did Bill Gates call the operating system of the computer, Windows? Windows 7. **What is faith?** Faith is seeing what God wants you to see and doing what God wants you to do and receiving what God promised to give you.
- **Comparison:**
Tithing activates the opening of the windows of heaven. Faith Based Spiritual Operating System that you need. Without this Spiritual operating system you will never be blessed.
A licensed Windows is needed – is the operating system that will run all the programs you want to install in your computer. You may have all the good program but without getting the genuine windows operating system you will not enjoy the programs.

What Windows do you need?

Windows Starter

Windows Basic Home and Student

Windows Home Premium upgrade to family pack.

Windows Professional

Windows Ultimate – Business

When I start to tithe, God will let me see through with windows of heaven, which the Lord will install for me. It is in effect a spiritual operating system which is faith based that will start to bless me, my home, my profession and my business toward a life of liberality.

Where should liberality begins? It is when God pours upon you His blessing. Now do not think that when you start to tithe, the Lord will open the windows of heaven and God will pour out all kinds of money and checks into your bank and have a dramatic leap of profit in business instantly. . NO. Windows are for you to see. Without a windows opened, you cannot see life in an heavenly perspective. ***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and Knowledge.***

Starter - Home basic - Family Pack – Student -Professional – Work - Business

Closing: God has something for us in this study that will help us in our the area of our giving. I believe that God purposed for you and me today is HE want to bless you and God want you to know and discover that the joy of Giving really begins with obedience to God. When God sees your obedience ***by honoring the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all thine increase,*** He will open you the windows of heaven.

Many people live inside a box without any door or windows opened for them. It is living inside the box of unbelief and tradition. The unbelief that people do before God threatens God and intimidates God. But you know you cannot threaten God and intimidate God, If He is provoked and not honored, why would God open the windows and pour you out His blessing. Why would God honor you? No he won't neither will He ever change His mind.