

the joy of open hands

the owner's manual | week three

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PS. 24:1

What Do We Do With What God Has Entrusted into Our Hands?

- What skill, new patterns, & habits do we need to learn that honor God & protect us?
- All of God's commands are centered around relationships | Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

The Owner's Commands for Each Individual

- To be a part of a collective team, body, and family who are on a mission
- To encourage and help believers and reach the lost
- To care for our families | 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)
- To be generous with what we have in every sphere of our lives

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 (NIV) | Ephesians 4:28 (NIV) | Acts 4:33-35 (NIV) | Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)

1st | God's Tithing System

- What is a tithe?
- What is an offering?
- Where does it go?

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

2nd | Where Does this Teaching Come From?

Pre-Old Covenant Law | **Genesis 14:18 (NIV)**

Old Testament Law | **Leviticus 27:30 (NIV), Malachi 3:7-12 (NIV)**

The New Testament Reinforcement | **Matthew 23:23 (NIV)**

What is the tithe used for in the church?

- Ministry moving forward
- People are taught
- Caring for the poor, widows, and orphans | Acts 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 5:3
- Missionary work | Funded Paul's ministry Philipians 4:14, 2 Corinthians 11:8
- Paying pastors for their work | 1 Timothy 5:18, 1 Corinthians 9:7

What does the tithe do for us?

- It helps us walk by faith and not by sight
- Reminds us of who owns everything
- Creates thankfulness
- Reminds us that there is something more

We have something to give, which means we have been given something already.
To live this way, we return to contentment.

2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (NIV) | Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV)

The Owner's Manual Conclusion

1. Who Owns it All? | Everything belongs to God
2. Enough is Enough | Contentment at the heart level
3. The Joy of Open Hands | Living out generosity

We know what we believe by what we do.

Our checkbook and our calendar tell the truth.

