Offerings and tithes

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the introduction

Dear reader, as long as you have set your heart on reading this book, you really want to know your right to the material blessings that the Lord Jesus has given you. Many believers have found themselves in financial difficulties and poverty because they did not know their rights in Christ Jesus. In this book, we learn the biblical way to present your money to the Lord, which is one of the secrets of financial blessings.

I have gone through bad experiences in my life of need and poverty before I knew my rights in the Lord and the lie that poverty is from God to teach you and guide you. The Lord Jesus bore our poverty. so that we might become rich in Christ Jesus.

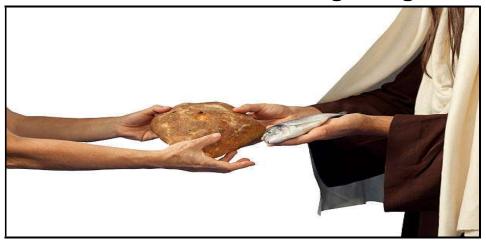
Many scholars discuss the issue of tithe and offerings. Where? How? And taking them, it is assumed that each of those investigating these matters is safe from within and knows what he should do. One priest said, "The Church that is honest in its tithe will send the Church to

the whole world." But many ask from within themselves these questions about the issue of the tithe:

Where do I pay tithes?

- Is it permissible to pay tithes to my father and mother or my brother or sister?
- Is the tithe for the poor or for refugees?
- Do I give to the poor church or to my church?
- Do non-believers pay tithes?

Think of God in the beginning



We must return to the original concept while seeking to understand a divine law. For the New Testament believers, the concept of tithing was not new; rather, it had been since the beginning of time. The concept of tithing was imparted to Adam and Eve by the Lord when they were formed. "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,

shalt surely die. (GE2:16). The concept that man abstains from because it is not his own was imparted to him by the Lord in this instance. Tithing is a concept of worship offered to the Lord in a loving manner; it is not intended to deprive man of any value, monetary or moral.

Some New Testament believers are confused not to pay tithes because they feel inadequate, and this numbs their consciences. "We will pay our tithes when we have enough," they tell themselves. You will never have enough for yourself. "Your salary of 90% + blessing is greater than your salary of 100% without blessing," the late Pope Shenouda III once observed in one of his lectures.

The Lord demands spiritual worship

In the New Testament, man shifts his perspective so that he is fully the property of the Lord rather than only his excess or his time for the Lord. And God wants to be the first in your life.

"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. (MT22:37). The spiritual life must come from the heart and thoughts (the circle of the soul) to the Lord. The Lord must be the first in the whole life. Our teacher Paul speaks in the Epistle to the Romans: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is} your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (RO12:1). Here, our teacher Paul the Apostle makes a

connection between the offering of our bodies (material and physical) and mental worship, which is translated as spiritual worship in the Jesuit translation. The apostle Paul exhorts people to worship with all of their might and energy.

The Lord says, he is must to be the first in our lives. one that Moses mentioned and that the Lord Jesus underlined in the New Testament. A person cannot serve two master's money and the Lord as the Lord Jesus explains. Some believed that poverty was a blessing from God, but the Arabic idea that some people interpreted was not what the Lord Jesus meant. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (MA6:24). Some people have read this verse and hated money on the basis that it is something against God, but the verse did not mean this because money is a means to extend the kingdom. Take a look at the previous

stanza. The English translation of the word "Mammon" does not mean "money," but rather "Mammon" and the two terms are completely different. The definition of the term "Mammon" as given by dictionaries of meanings is: (God of money - demon of greed - love of money - golden calf). We would say (No one can serve God and the devil of money) if we could explain the scripture and pronounce it with its obvious meaning. The devil of money refers to the devilish use of money. According to some, there was a pharaonic deity named Mamoun who was so well-known for giving wealth that certain Palestinians, Arameans, and others worshipped him. According to others, it alludes to the divinity Amun.

God cares about you

"Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (MA7:9-11). Even while the bread and fish are nice for God and us because we like them, and the stone and the snake are awful gifts for God and us, we can see from this earlier evidence how our decisions are harmonious and parallel with His. The Lord Jesus speaks about the wicked (who were not born again) giving their children good gifts, and the most wonderful thing is that God gives the best and the best. But we still have several questions:

So how are there poor people who don't get enough?

Who are the poor people that the Bible talks about?

How does our teacher Paul say that we are poor?

How was the Lord Jesus poor and God is supposed to meet our needs?... Let's see all this in the coming chapters.

Poor but...



"By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and true; As unknown, and well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and possessing all things. (2CO6: 8-10). In the previous chapter he talks about an important circle, which is the sufficiency that the Lord gives to man through his concern as a

father to us, and even greater than a father. Look at the words with which we began the verse (as misguided – as unknown – as dying – as sorrowful – as poor). Christians and some believers cling to an unbiblical teaching in which they think poverty is a great blessing from God to man. I am not calling for you to be a millionaire; maybe the Lord does arrange this for you for the expansion of the kingdom, but I am calling for you to be in the stage of sufficiency and then the stage of abundance. The man of God, Derek Prince, explains the difference between abundance and sufficiency, saying:

When I need 100 and I have 80, I am in the need stage.

When I need 100 and I have 100, I am at the stage of sufficiency.

When I need 100 and I have 120, I am in the overflow phase.

We do not preach the gospel of prosperity, but we preach what the Lord Jesus said is the source of our sufficiency. The Lord

Jesus said:" Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feuded them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin (MA6:25-28). How wonderful is this verse that explains different meanings of what man does of fatigue and running after a mirage. The Lord says that it is the blessing that gives you growth, not fatigue or effort alone. I'm not advocating for slackness; rather, I'm advocating for someone to believe that he needs, by faith, the material blessing that relieves his weariness. The Lord mentioned the birds because he understands business

management, since the birds were unable to plant, work in an industrial setting, harvest, or store. But the Lord cares about every detail of her life. The Lord speaks about how man is very important to the Lord. Man must succeed, work hard and excel, but he must be very convinced that success comes from the Lord (Psalm 1).

A businessman who started from scratch and became a millionaire once told me: "Work hard and know that 90% of success is a blessing from God and 10% is the result of your hard work." I didn't say you didn't put in a lot of effort, but I am aware that the Lord is the source of your success. Despite having no prior military strategy knowledge, David rose to become the king of Israel. Although Joseph was only a shepherd and without managerial expertise, he rose to the status of a successful prime minister and was an expert at strategically organizing and governing the nation for roughly 14 years.

Let's go back to the first verse of the Good News version, which some have mistranslated and believed to be a statement that God desires to employ people in poverty. "We are honored and disgraced; we are insulted and praised. We are treated as liars, yet we speak the truth; as unknown, yet we are known by all; as though we were dead, but, as you see, we live on. Although punished, we are not killed; although saddened, we are always glad; we seem poor, but we make many people rich; we seem to have nothing, yet we really possess everything. It seems as though the apostle Paul is trying to convey that we are the complete opposite of what people perceive us to be—deceptive, lacking in dignity, dishonest, unknown, or impoverished. In order to acquire souls and do magnificent heavenly work, the Lord desires for man to be self-sufficient and to invest his money in the Kingdom.

Let's examine how the Apostle Peter interpreted the preceding verse. "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have given I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. (Acts 3:1-7). You see the word look at us! It seems

as if the Apostle Peter is trying to make him understand that you need the rich from whom you can take some money to complete the life of illness in you, but the Apostle Peter was able to offer him the most wonderful and highest, which is healing. The Apostle Paul said that we may not have a lot of money, but we can enrich many. He means to enrich them with what is more precious than money. Peter healed a man to whom medicine could not provide anything. So who is richer among them, Peter, in whom the Holy Spirit is, or rich men who have money but could not do anything even for themselves?

In 2007 I needed a certain amount of money and I was praying and asking the church to pray for me, but I was wondering how the Lord would send them to me? I was thinking rationally about this matter and was very confused. Then one day I was going to university, and I met a beautiful monk whom I had never known before. He had an indescribable scent of embalming. He paid for my metro ticket, and while I was walking with him, he

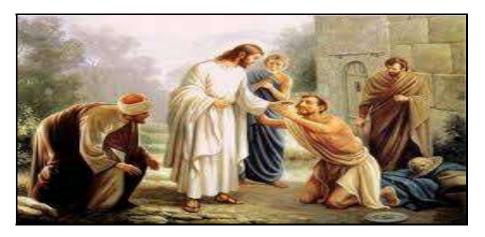
disappeared into the metro station. I started looking for him in every corner, but I couldn't find him. I asked some people around me about him. They told me, "Why do you ask about things you can't understand?" After that, I remained confused all day until I ran out of money, and all that was left was the price of the return ticket. At that moment, I understood that if the monk did not pay me the price of the ticket, I would not be able to return again. The Holy Spirit assured me that he was concerned about all of our needs, even the cost of our return trip. A week later, the Lord supplied me the money I required through a person I knew, and I was able to pay the tuition at the university where I was enrolled.

The Bible says that it is natural that "there is no want to them that fear him." (Psalm 34:9). The Bible says that it is not natural to be in need, and there is a God who cares about you at all times. Many believers wonder how to be safe in the midst of difficult

circumstances and how to meet their financial needs and those of their children. In the midst of all difficult circumstances, the Bible says to believers, "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." (Psalm 37:19). But we still have several questions: Is God against wealth? If God meets our needs and poverty is not from Him, why did Christ come poor?

Let us see in the next chapter.

Jesus bore our poverty



For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. (2CO8:9).

Given that Christ is wealthy, owns the entire planet, and made the previously stated promise to provide our needs, many Christians and detractors also question why he came into the world impoverished. Because Jesus did not appear as an earthly monarch or as they had anticipated, the Jews rejected him. He came for another salvation, but they didn't know the books, therefore they rejected him because he didn't deliver them from the Roman occupation at the time. Christ did not arrive impoverished by accident; he had a purpose., Jesus came into the world impoverished in order to deliver humanity from the curse of lack. According to Deuteronomy 28 "therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. (Deuteronomy

28:48). The Lord Jesus bore the four curses to give you compensation for them, blessings, abundance and sufficiency. Look at how the Lord Jesus bore the four:

He was hungry instead of you:

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward a hungered. (MA4:2).

Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. (MA21:18).

Thirsty instead of you:

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (JO19:28)

He didn't have anything for give you everything:

And Jesus saith unto him, the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay head. (Mathew 8:20). He had no place to live.

And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulcher which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulcher. (Mark15) He had no grave to be buried in.

He was naked for you:

And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. (Mathew 27:28).

Jesus made the great exchange on your behalf to take your poverty and give you His riches. If you are already living an ungrateful life full of unmet needs, turn to the Word again to change you and teach you how to walk in the abundance of the great Lord. We have explained this part in detail in our previous book, "Yes, He Said He Was God."

Some of the ancient Israelites suffered from hunger even though they had experienced God's many experiences of abundance, plenty, sufficiency, and care. Look at this comparison between those who experienced hunger and those who experienced God's sufficiency at the same time:

A woman eats her son +	Elisha makes a feast for the
severe famine in the land (2 guests and is over-satiated	
Kings 6)	

There was a very severe	Isaac sows and reaps a	
famine in the land (Gen.	hundredfold (Gen. 26:12).	
26:1).		
The land is full of drought	A woman supports Elijah, and	
and lack of rain (1 Kings	a raven brings him bread every	
1:17).	day.	
He called for famine in the	They shall not be ashamed in	
land. (Psalm 105:16)	the evil time, and in the days of	
	famine they shall be satisfied.	
	(Psalm 37:19)	
Thirsty and Ishmael almost	The Lord hears his cry and sees	
died (Gen. 21).	a well of water.	

God is exceedingly concerned about man and looks after all of his needs. "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your

life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Mathew6:25). The word of the Lord has never failed; do not be afraid of the economic downturn that is going on in the world because the word of the Lord is firm and never shaken. The Lord is faithful to everyone who moves in faith in his life. He will not be put to shame in the evil time. Look, there are four promises to the godly believer who walks according to the will of God, and they appear in Psalm 1. "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (pslam2:3). The psalm shows four promises to the believer (fruitful, successful, planted, and flourishing). It shows that the planted believer has strong roots that cannot be affected by any winds or storms but derives its health and life from the water (the Word). When the tree is

planted with strong roots, it is fruitful and full of prosperity and flourishing. It does not have withered leaves but flourishes with green leaves and good health. This is what the Lord Jesus said.

"the branches: He that abided in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (John15). Man has success from the Lord, without whom nothing is accomplished. But the psalm explains the way by which we prosper, which is by adhering to the Word of God, which is the Law (and the Law is the revealed way), and if he does not walk in the counsel and way of sinners (he walks against the winds).

Father, you guarantee my life in you, full of satisfaction and abundance, and I am not affected by circumstances, no matter how difficult, because you are with me. Amen

The firstfruits



"The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk." (Exodus 34:26)

In the Old Testament, the Lord speaks about the idea of the first fruits, which carries within it the meaning that the Lord is always first and in the forefront. The Lord did not wait for any money

from man to meet his needs because he is rich, so the Lord wants the heart of man and not his money (1 Sam. 15:22). However, in order for man to receive material blessings, the Lord wants to teach him how to manage his material affairs. Some Bible instructors argued for a new message in the New Testament and rejected the notion of first fruits. In the past, the Jews gave the Lord roughly 40% of their revenue in the form of first fruits, tithes, and offerings. In the commandment, the Lord states that the Lord must be first. "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy *might.*" (*Deuteronomy6:5*). The Lord is speaking here in the Old Testament, which is the source of the first fruits, to love the Lord with all your heart and soul (your feelings, will, and mind). According to certain Bible instructors, the proper sequence is (the Lord—the family—the service). If the service will negatively affect the home, then there is chaos, but the most important

thing is that the Lord is first. The New Testament did not end the idea of the priority of the Lord but rather confirmed that it is the important commandment. "Master, which the great commandment in the law? 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. (mathew22:36-38). The Lord Jesus says that it is the first commandment.

The idea of the firstfruits stems from the fact that the Lord is the first. "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Proverbs3:9). The spiritual idea is a very lofty idea and it is not a mandatory constitution for man. It is the stage of love that emanates from man to God. Man, honors God from his firstfruits (his first product). The firstfruits are represented in:

- The first salary an employee receives, or the profit from merchandise sold to a merchant, or the first profit from a manufacturer's product.
- First annual or semi-annual increase, first additional gain other than usual.
- The first salary of a month, week or day every year.

The Lord speaks in the Book of Leviticus that the firstfruits are an eternal and permanent ordinance. "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings." (Leviticus23:10-14). The word "an everlasting ordinance throughout your generations" comes in the translation of life (this shall be a perpetual ordinance upon you from generation to generation). The Lord speaks about the firstfruits as being eternal

and its purpose is for God to be first in everything, even in work. Because they claimed to be fully God's, New Testament believers rejected the Bible's teaching regarding the first fruits. It is true that the believer is now fully God's and that the Holy Spirit guides him in all of his material affairs. However, very few Christians follow through on this, and they choose those who donate to them the first fruits. Some give the firstfruits to the poor or the sick, etc. The Bible makes it clear that the firstfruits belong to the church, and the pastor of the church is responsible before God to be led by the Spirit to distribute the money in different directions.

Quality of the first fruits

"And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering". (Genesis4:4). Some commentators have said that the Lord rejected Cain's offering because it was not bloody, but this is an incomplete interpretation. God rejected Cain's offering because

He did not find it to be a priority, as we explained earlier. But look at the wording in the verse (of the fruits of the ground). Cain offered from the fruits of the ground, and the Bible did not clarify the type of what Cain offered. Perhaps Cain offered the bad fruit that was in the ground, or the spoiled fruit, but what Abel offered was the firstborn of his flock. God rejected Cain's offering not because it was a crop, Because the Book of Leviticus allows for the offering of the firstborn of the land, but God rejected Cain's offering because God did not find himself first with Cain. The Lord's response to Cain was "If you behave well, won't your face light up with joy?" (Life Translation)." How did Cain not behave properly? Why did the Lord not accept Cain's offering? The answer is summarized in Cain's priority to the Lord, which is the first fruits. The firstfruits are the first crop that is produced from your fruit to the Lord, and it is possible to offer the firstfruits of the land to the Lord. "And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits

of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD". (Nehemiah 10:35).

Is there a difference between tithes and first fruits?

"Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether ox, or sheep: it the LORD'S." (Leviticus27:26). The Bible differentiates between the tithing ordinance and the firstfruits ordinance. In my opinion, it is a mandatory ordinance, not a compulsory one. The firstfruits ordinance and the tithing ordinance are ordinances with a strong counterpart, which is the blessing that the Bible speaks about in many places, especially Deuteronomy 28. There are many New Testament believers who neglect their offerings, tithes, and firstfruits and wait for blessings without seriousness in the spiritual life.

"That each one of you, on the first day of the week, should set aside what he can save of money so that there will be no collection of

contributions on the day of my coming to you." (Good News *Translation" (1 Corinthians 16).* In the New Testament, they were consistent in their tithes and offerings, and we will discuss tithes and offerings later. Bible scholars and commentators were confused in interpreting this verse. Some interpreted it as referring to offerings, and others interpreted it as referring to first fruits. The difference is that offerings are optional, while firstfruits are obligatory, like tithes. The Apostle Paul warns them to be careful on the first day of the week to be ready for the offering that is to the Lord. And the firstfruits will be that I will honor the Lord with them. "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Proverbs3:9). As a result, you will be blessed, and here he means material blessings in particular. "And the first of all the firstfruitsof all {cf15I things}, and every oblation of all, of every of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine

house." (Ezekiel44:30). When the firstfruits are not paid, the person allows evil and evil spirits to enter and steal his money. "Israel is holy to the Lord, and the firstfruits of his increase: but whoever transgresses against him shall commit iniquity, and evil shall come upon him." (Good News Translation Jeremiah 2:3).

"And it shall be, when thou come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee an inheritance, and possesses it, and dwellest therein. That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put {cf15I it} in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there."

(Deuteronomy 26:1,2). The firstfruits are in the house of God, which is now equal to the church. The firstfruits were not for whomever you like, but rather are given to the priest (the shepherd who cares for you spiritually and grows in your life). Perhaps this is

the pastor of the church, a meeting leader, or a spiritual shepherd. It is not the right of a person to give it to whoever he wants, like offerings and alms. The Bible says that the firstfruits, like tithes, are given to the priest (the shepherd). "And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD". (Nehemiah10:35). The priest takes it and pronounces the blessing on the person who gave the firstfruits. The person may pay the firstfruits in installments throughout the year if it is not convenient for him to pay them all at once.

Tithe



"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth fourth year by year." (Deuteronomy14:22).

As we explained previously in the first and second chapters, the idea of tithing is from the beginning and is not a new idea for the New Testament. In the previous verse, it speaks about tithing, which is 10% of the annual harvest, and it speaks about the annual harvest in a way that suits the farmer due to the historical and systematic

change in income, which now equals the monthly income. Some say that tithing is optional and not mandatory. Tithing is an obligatory duty for believers. It is not only for those who are financially able but for every believer in Christ Jesus and for the Jews in the past. Tithing is paid at the time of income or net profit and is not postponed for a certain time, and this duty is what brings material blessings to a person. Tithing is given first from the salary and not from the surplus.

Where do you pay tithes?

Tithes are like firstfruits; they are different from offerings. Tithes and firstfruits are paid to the church or to the pastor (who is your spiritual shepherd). Our old proverb says that Elisha's tithe was Elijah's, and Gehazi's tithe was Elisha's… so on. This is just an example to illustrate the idea. Every church has a spiritual leader who shepherds the people, teaches them the Word of God, shepherds them, and builds shepherds behind him. The people give

tithes to the shepherd, and he is the one who disposes of them according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The pastor of the church must pay his tithes to the pastor who shepherds him spiritually, whether it is the mother church, the denomination, or another pastor who leads him. The branch meetings pay the tithes from their fund and their collections to the pastor or to the main church fund. Some people think that they can pay their tithes to the poor and needy, or to a relative in need, or spend them as they please, or send them as they see fit, or say that the Spirit has guided them to give them to someone else. The truth is that the church must be organized, because tithes are paid only in the church or to the pastor (who takes care of you spiritually), as the Bible says: "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 {I there shall} not { be room} enough {I to receive it}." (Malachi3:10). According to this era, the Lord is stating that tithes ought to be placed in the church treasury rather than in accordance with personal preferences. It's possible that the people didn't tithe to the church because they didn't believe the pastor was faithful, or that he wasn't faithful and didn't follow the Holy Spirit's guidance. I did not dispute the reality that many pastors are unfaithful and that many embezzle money for their own benefit. I'm referring to the way the church's spiritual leadership is set up in accordance with God's will, and if your church's leader is unfaithful, there's no need for you to stay there.

Also, tithing is a partnership with the Lord, sharing the profit together. The Lord is overflowing blessings on the person as a result of his tithing. A partnership that carries partners in proportions, especially one person with 20% and the other with 40%, they share in the profits and losses, they are partners, and so is the idea of tithing. Notice that the Bible shows that God opens the windows of

heaven and an abundance of blessing, and no one could open except God, so who can reach the heavens? So tithing is the biblical way of blessings, prosperity, and sufficiency by which God opens the windows of heaven for you. The previous verse speaks of bringing (all) the tithes, meaning do not seize any of it. Do not be one of the unbelieving believers who try to hoard some of the tithes.

The Lord's money has been squandered and stolen in wrong ways due to unbiblical teaching, including some pastors who have squandered the Lord's money for their own personal gain. Some pastors teach the people about tithes and offerings for the purpose of blessing them, while others teach them for personal gain. "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. Then you said, "With what shall we return?" (Here the question is, with what shall the people return? But God specified His answer.) "Can a man rob God?" (A rhetorical question.) "For you

have robbed Me. And you said, "With what have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:7). The people were robbed of their tithes and offerings, so the blessing stopped for the people. We will show later that the believer became blessed, but there is a way to be blessed. Here the Lord asks the people about their unfaithfulness and accuses the people of robbing the Lord's money. The Lord explains what was robbed from them, which was the tithes and offerings. The Lord asks the people to return it to Him. Are you, as a believer, still robbing God's money?

"And this stone, which I have set { for} a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Genesis28:22). Jacob gave tithes because he knew God's mind on this principle. The Lord never asked Jacob for tithes, but Jacob longed for the blessing all his life, so much so that he would rather meet a man and wrestle with him until the break of dawn. The Lord blessed Jacob greatly because

of his tithes and faithfulness. He not only gave him the blessing of children (Deut. 28) and the Lord opened Rachel's womb so that she would give birth, but he also blessed his flock in a very strange way, so that Jacob's flock increased greatly, regardless of Laban's deception of Jacob, and Jacob's cunning in obtaining the strong flock. "But when the cattle were feeble, he put {I them} not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses." (Genesis30:42). But Jacob knew the way to material blessings through his tithes.

A common question is whether tithes should be paid from net profit or net income. Some like to plant sparingly and pay their tithes while suffering, as though they are being forced to do so rather than from a place of worship. According to the Bible, tithes are paid from net income rather than after profits are calculated. "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So, shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs3:7). Here, we find that tithing not only opens the windows of heaven as mentioned in the preceding scriptures, but it also has the effect of filling your coffers. Many people seek for sufficiency and resort to little and insufficiency during economic downturns and inflation. This is due to the fact that believers do not prioritize God above all else.

The Book of Malachi elaborates on this feeling in detail and offers an additional blessing: "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." (Malachi3:11). "God will deal with all the forces of darkness that are trying to take away your health,

your prosperity, or your financial sufficiency. This is the blessing that we have talked about a lot in this book. And the eater could not take anything away from you. And in verse 12 it says, "And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts." This is the splendor that the Lord has placed on believers who walk according to the Word so that those around you will testify to the blessing that is evident in you. My beloved brother, if you are still not faithful in your tithes and complain about the theft of your money, then you are like a person who has an inheritance in the bank and does not know how to use it. You are blessed by God our Lord, but there is a way to show the blessing in your life, which is called the divine catalog, that is, the biblical way to show the blessing in your life.

Giving and investing

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke6:38)



The previous verse clarified an important matter in the spiritual life regarding material matters and how to reap the fruits of giving. The Bible has explained the laws of giving, that a person should first give and then receive. I have heard many people say, If the Lord gives me an abundance of money, I will give to the poor. But my response is always the same: If you cannot give from what you have, you cannot give after it is overflowing.

There was a woman who gave and the Lord praised her before the people. "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called {I unto him} his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all {they} did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, {even} all her living. (Mark12:41-43). Look, even though there were wealthy individuals who were throwing large sums of money, the poor woman was the one who caught the attention of the Lord Jesus.

Although some people believe that the Lord despises the wealthy and likes the poor, the Lord took into consideration the person who donated from her needs and desires since she understood the sacrifice involved and who should receive it.

"But when thou does alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly......" Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Mathew6). I have witnessed a lot of wealthy people who are afraid of insecurity, particularly in the unstable times we are currently in, which began in 2020. We did not deny that we have a developed army with a global classification, but many countries have

experienced wars, so security has become insufficient. Similarly, if you believe that security is in social insurance at retirement age, it is not security because some countries have canceled insurance due to the deterioration of their economies. Additionally, it states that there is no material security in the living we cited. The only place you can be completely secure is in the Lord, where no one can take your riches. "But this {I say}, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. (2Corinthians9: 6). When I visited one of the millionaires in Egypt, I witnessed how he began his life as a self-made man and how his generosity and mercy throughout the years led to his success. He would frequently donate to the underprivileged and travel to the deserts to feed stray cats and dogs that had no one to take care of them. He used to spend almost two thousand dollars a month purchasing food for the numerous animals in

Egypt that no one was caring for. This amounts to the six-month remuneration of a manager. He offers them water as well. I once questioned him if he paid all of his tithes. "I pay multiples," he said. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Proverbs19:17). But the question is, who are the poor? Some Bible scholars differed. Some said that the poor are every person in need, like the homeless, because the Lord has compassion on the ungrateful and the wicked. Others said that they are believers who have not practiced material sufficiency. Throughout my experience in serving the poor for more than seven years, the poor who did not know God remained poor until the days of their death. No one could meet their needs because they needed financial support all the time. The greatest honor we have received in our lives is knowing the Lord Jesus, the true Savior who saved us from the curse of poverty and need. "And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, what shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So, he called every one of his lord's debtors {unto him}, and said unto the first, how much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward,

because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." (Luke - Chapter 16). The peculiar aspect of this tale is that the steward disbursed funds that were not his own, and the Lord Jesus did not hold him accountable. On the contrary, when he lost his work, the Lord Jesus commended his astute management by allocating funds to pals. I used to argue that salvation is more important than food because it teaches people how to be satisfied, and I have spent a lot of money on edifying Christians and assisting others in achieving eternal salvation. And how can I utilize my ministry to help people to receive Christ's salvation and be saved from the second death? Since I am a spiritual leader, I can follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in material things.

Giving is the secret to material abundance, not the opposite. Your money does not decrease when you give but rather increases. The opposite is true. Anyone who withholds when giving will be led to lack of blessing and stinginess. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and that withholdeth more than is meet, but to poverty." (Proverbs11:24). The Lord Jesus gave the greatest example of a rich man who thought that withholding his money might benefit him for many years. I have put a certain light to link piety with giving and blessing in this book. He says in the Book of Proverbs: "Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments. His seed shall be strong in the land; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Prosperity and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness shall endure forever. (All of the above are blessings for those who fear God.) ... Happy is the man who is gracious and lends; he manages his affairs with justice; for he shall never be

moved. ... He shall not fear evil tidings. His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. (He is not affected by economic or political news.) His heart is strong, so he does not fear until he sees his afflictions. He scatters; he gives to the poor. (Proverbs 112). How wonderful are these words that the pious man's house and children are blessed, and he is not affected by disturbing news because the Lord arranges his affairs. And he increases through his giving, which returns to him with material and spiritual blessings. But there is a condition that he is happy with his giving and lends to those around him, so he is happy with giving, as confirmed in the New Testament. Blessings are not limited to worldly possessions; they can also include heavenly protection from illness and property. Satan has aided some people in obtaining material wealth, or what is known as unjust money. Some people become wealthy by stealing, being crafty, and lying. I have seen this in the form of the Lord protecting my family and me from illnesses and sparing me from purchasing medication in comparison to others. Additionally, shielding my gadgets from harm is another kind of blessing.

Vows

"That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; {cf15I even} a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth. (Deuteronomy23:23)



Many theologians and commentators have argued this issue, and many New Testament believers continue to believe in vows and believe that the Lord, their God, hears their petitions because of them. The vows, a representation of Christ Jesus, are

demonstrated by the Old Testament law. "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.". (Deuteronomy23:21). Here, the vows and sacrifices in the past were a symbol of the true Savior, who is the Lamb of God (the Lord Jesus Christ). Many Christians try to get closer to God through vows, especially by offering sacrifices to one of the monasteries and churches. God did not need these offerings because they were sometimes offered by people who had no relationship with the Lord. We have a symbol that shows that God is not pleased with sacrifices, offerings, and vows, which is Saul. When Saul wanted to win the war and did not find Samuel as a priest and prophet of God, he wanted to offer the sacrifice in his place. And the word of the Lord came to Saul. "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD { as great} delight in burnt

offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey better than sacrifice, {and} to hearken than the fat of rams." (Samuel 15:22). RI have linked sacrifices and vows very closely because both are ways in which a person wants to draw near to God or to have God hear his prayer, but vows are a way of worship, like firstfruits and tithes. Sacrifices were offered as atonement for unintentional sins in the Old Testament for the forgiveness of sins. Vows are offered to seek God's face. The Lord was never pleased with Saul's sacrifices, but He was pleased to hear his word. There are some Christians who live in sin and think that God loves them because of their gifts and vows. I have seen some who, when any problem occurs, think that there is a vow that has not been paid. There are some who, when they go to work on Sunday, feel pessimistic as if God is the one who ruined their day, although they were not accustomed to going to any church or praying even on Sunday. They have

wrong assumptions about God, as if God is the one who awaits a person with a whip to take his right from him. Look at the adulterous woman that the Bible spoke about. "And behold, a woman met him in the guise of a harlot, and wicked in heart, noisy and unruly (unstoppable), in her own house her feet cannot stand; now outside, now in the streets, and at every corner she lies in wait. And she caught hold of him and kissed him, and she made her face insolently (sexually aroused with her face) and said to him, Peace offerings are upon me; today I have paid My vows. Therefore, I came out to meet you, to seek your face until I find you. (Proverbs 7). A lady who was an adulteress—someone who worked for pay in exchange for sex—who kept her relationship with God apart from her everyday life is an example that we find in these verses. Despite being an adulteress, the woman made promises before engaging in sexual activity with the individual. Despite the spiritual meaning of this narrative, it perfectly captures the experiences of many Christians who are enmeshed in sin, dedicated to vows and sacrifices, and believe they are winning God's favor. Some believe, as Saul did in the past, that since God is delighted with sacrifices and promises, God owes the person who made the vows money.

There is someone in the Old Testament who made a rash vow, and he is Jephthah the Gileadite, who was a miserable mighty man and also a judge of Israel. Although Gilead was persecuted by him brothers and was born of a harlot, he loved God. But Jephthah was not open to the law and he sinned in his vows. So Jephthah said, "hen the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over {unto} the children of Ammon. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, if thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, then it shall be, that

whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.(Judges11:19). Although Jephthah enjoyed the Holy Spirit coming upon him because he was a judge. In the past, the Holy Spirit came upon three (the king or judge, the priest, and the prophet). But Jephthah did not enjoy divine wisdom. So Jephthah vowed to present what he would encounter upon his return, and I do not know what Jephthah expected in this vow and what was the thing he expected to see. But it so happened that he saw his daughter. "And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she { was his} only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me:

for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back. And she said unto him, My father, {if} thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, { even} of the children of Ammon." Jephthah made a very rash vow. Jephthah could have redeemed his daughter from the rash vow, but there are two opinions that the Bible knows and you should know them:

The first opinion: Jephthah was not aware of the law and had sacrificed his daughter and offered her as a burnt offering to the Lord. According to Leviticus 27, he can redeem his daughter's vow according to her age with a substitute of animals or silver.

The second view holds that, like Hannah, Samuel's mother, did when she offered her son to the Lord in 1 Samuel 1-2, Jephthah predestined his daughter to devote her life to the Lord.

The statement made by Jephthah's daughter, "And she wept for her virginity upon the mountains," has been cited by Bible scholars. If her death or being offered as a burnt offering was the intended outcome, she did cry for her life. Because she was the only girl he had, Jephthah the Great was devastated and offered her as a promise "because she had never known a man."

Many Christians still cling to vows and think that this is what makes God hear their cries and prayers. Hannah "made a vow" that if she gave birth to a son, she would be the Lord's son, but do not think that God heard her cries for this reason. Hannah did something to receive the miracle (she prayed—she believed). "And she prayed to the Lord... "And the woman went her way and ate, and her countenance was no more changed." (1 Sam. 1). Isaac had done this before her when he prayed for his wife: "And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord heard him, and Rebekah,

his wife, conceived." (Gen. 25:21). Isaac did not make any vow to the Lord, but he prayed in faith, for God hears prayer. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Mathew 21:22). In the Old Testament, vows were a symbol of Christ, who would offer himself for others, and also a way of worship. But now there are New Testament believers who still practice New Testament vows to the saint... or the Saintes... with the aim that God will hear them. I do not object nor deny that there are apparitions, and I have seen apparitions of some saints, but I believe that the miracle is from the Lord Himself.

The idea of vows in the New Testament comes as a kind of worship and seclusion with God, and it is like Jewish worship as mentioned in the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts speaks about our teacher Paul, "for he had a vow" (Acts 18:18). The New Testament has made it clear that there is a kind of seclusion with the Lord, and it is clear that Paul used to take time to rest with

the Lord and did not shave his head. We must not forget that Paul was a Jew, and this is the way of worship. The New Testament did not call for the rituals that are offered. However, in this age we need a correct way of worship that loves God. I did not contradict the Old Testament in the idea of vows, but I clarify that the New Testament differs in its idea of vows as a Jewish worship until we offer our entire bodies as a sacrifice to the Lord. I did not need to make a vow to receive something from God, but the heavens were opened and my prayers were heard because of what the Lord Jesus Christ did.

You are blessed

"Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. (Deuteronomy28: 3).



The Old Testament speaks of many blessings for the Jews in Deuteronomy 28, "And you shall be a blessing in all that you possess and in what your hand makes." New Testament believers differ from the rest of the nations in material blessings. There is a difference between wealth with blessings and the false wealth of the world without blessings. Not all wealth is from God. Jeremiah asked the Lord in the past, "But I will tell you

about your judgments: Why does the way of the wicked What a question that many ask themselves, wondering why so-and-so is more successful or richer? Although the Bible answered this question. "Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, When the glory of his house is increased." (Psalms49:16). It doesn't matter that some wicked people enjoy temporary material wealth, material blessing may be different from material wealth for some. The Bible makes it clear that blessings are not the same as extreme wealth. I believe that God has promised material sufficiency and it doesn't matter if I am extremely rich because the money did not go with me to heaven. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy." But it is a means I use for the kingdom only. Deuteronomy 28 says, "The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your storehouses and in all that you set your hand to, and he will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is *giving you.*" You did not have your money by chance, but it is a command from the Lord.

The Bible has linked many things to holiness (set apart for the Lord), and there are many churches that have neglected the spiritual teaching about the commitment to set apart for the Lord, and they thought that there was a difference in the two testaments of the book. Deuteronomy 28 spoke about blessings, but it had a certain way. "If you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to be careful to do all his commandments." I lived for nearly twenty years neglecting the lessons of holiness, and I thought that this teaching did not matter to me as long as I was born again and learned about the justification that the Lord Jesus presented on the cross. Although the book in both testaments focused on it. But when I realized that holiness is mandatory in the Bible and the spiritual life. I was surprised by many things in my life that were almost under the heading of

chaos. There was a secret in Joseph's life that made him in high positions. It is not as some people know that patience alone can do the impossible, which has made many believers wait in a life of misery waiting for the Savior again. The result of Joseph's holiness was "For the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper." (Genesis 39:23). It is not a coincidence, as the Bible has made it clear that success has a secret from the Lord. The Lord also made Joseph successful in everything, for blessing is commanded by the Lord alone.

There is a verse that stopped me for a while in the story of Job. Satan says to the Lord, "Have you not made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the works of his hands (Job 1). What a wonderful biblical declaration. Satan himself testifies that the Lord has hedged Job around on every side. There is a secret to Satan's entry into Job's life that we will reveal in our next book

on evil spirits, but what catches my eye is that Job's fear of God made him a very blessed person in everything he possessed. Put your name in Job's place and know that the Lord has blessed you on every side, and do not turn away from the fact that the Lord is the reason for the blessings of your life. Pastor Magdy Sadek asked me several years ago, how did the Lord Jesus redeem you? I told him: He redeemed me from the curse of the law. He asked me another question: Are you a Jew to redeem you from the curse of the law? I discovered that the Lord Jesus did not redeem us only from the curse of the law like the Jews, but He has redeemed us from every curse. If there is a curse of the Pharaohs or curses inherited as a result of magic or any kind of curse, the Lord Jesus has redeemed us from them. And just as the Lord redeemed us from every curse, the Lord also blessed us with every blessing and not just the blessings of the twofold. 28 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places *in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).* In Christ we have received every blessing in the heavenly places.

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree') so that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:13). The Lord has given us, the Gentiles, all the blessings of our father Abraham. The believer is not a son of Isaac, Jacob, and Abraham, but he is a son of our father Abraham (we, the Gentiles). So the question arises: What is the blessing of Abraham? The Bible explained it after Abraham passed the test and showed his great obedience to God: "And Abraham was old and advanced in years, and the Lord blessed Abraham in all things." (Genesis

1:24). God blessed Abraham in all things. How wonderful is God? He has blessed us on every level, spiritually, physically, and materially. I am amazed at the many who think that poverty or sickness is a blessing from God, so how does the Lord use the same strategy as Satan to change the course of man? The wonderful Derek Prince said a quote that I have not forgotten: "Many believers have not fought (struggled against the flesh) and therefore have not received their inheritance." The New Testament teaches us that we have been blessed in every corner, and we need to train the body for the right path through which we show faith in the blessings.

First Samuel chapter 18 speaks of a special kind of blessing that God bestowed upon David. David enjoyed blessings that God had given to New Testament believers. "Saul feared David because the Lord was with him and had departed from Saul."

There was a fear in Saul because he noticed that God was with

David in all things. Don't think Saul noticed it once or twice. He was terrified several times. Because the Bible says, "And David was successful in all his ways, and the Lord was with him." This blessing that Joseph received before him was to be successful in all the things he did, so he would be a blessing in the city and the field. This is how the true believer is, who knows his worth. The believer is a blessing in his work, in his home, in his studies, and in everything that goes on in him. The Lord did not give the spirit of failure to his children, but rather success. Because of his success, David had value among those around him. "From the time they went out, David was more successful than all the servants of Saul, and his name was greatly honored." Look at the word "honored." The Lord gave him dignity and value over everyone who looked at David, even though he was not a king at that time. And do not say that you did not suffer from challenges in your life, but look at the hand of God

working on your side. In all matters. If you are suffering from failure in any aspect of your life, know that this is not God's will, and you need to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the reasons for your situation. And if you are living the life of success that the Lord has called you to, do not attribute this success to yourself, but know that the Lord has ordered your blessing, and this is a divine promise to you.

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for being the reason for the blessings that surround me, for you are the hedge around me and all my possessions. I thank you for my success, the honor you have crowned me with, and the good offspring you have blessed me with. Thank you, loving Father.