

Sermon Title: First Things First Pt. III

Date: Sunday, January 20, 2018

Speaker: Pastor J.

**Background Scripture: Leviticus 27:30 (MSG)**

“A tenth of the land’s produce, whether grain from the ground or fruit from the trees, is God’s. It is holy to God.

Jumpstart and Review: Point #3: THE TITHE MUST BE 1st

*When it comes to the Tithe, The Blessing is not on the money; The Blessing is on Our Obedience and God’s Place/Priority in our heart!

*We may “LIKE” God a whole bunch and we may sincerely LOVE the “idea” of God, but if we don’t obey God; YOU DON’T LOVE HIM! [ref. Jeremiah 7:23, Daniel 9:4, John 14:15, John 14:21]

*Jesus said in Luke 12:34, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*Exodus 13:14-15

So Let’s Connect Some Dots:

When God is FIRST in our heart, He stays IN FRONT; when He’s IN FRONT, we’re able to FOCUS on Him better; The better our FOCUS is on God, we reduce the devil’s ability to cause FRUSTRATION; reduced demonic FRUSTRATION, FORTIFIES my FAITH and a FORTIFIED FAITH carries DIVINE FAVOR!

QFC (Questions For Consideration)

1. *There seems to be an over-arching theme of Position and Priority with God. Is God’s Priority/Position in our lives really that important? (Why/Why not)*

2. *If the Tithe, according to Pastor J.’s interpretation of Malachi 3:8 is NOT about money; what is it really about and why is money involved? [ref. Luke 12:34]*

Reflect-n-Recap

1. *This week’s lesson was ...*
2. *The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
3. *Comments / Testimonial / Question*