

Good Hope Foundations: Part 10 – Money Money Money

- How is money handled at Good Hope?
 - Money is a big part of church. Money is a big part of our personal lives. If we as a church and as individuals get our relationship with money down right then we will be spared a lot of pain.
 - Cain and Able, Judas, Ananias and Sapphira for example.
- Does everyone need to sell everything they own, give to the poor, and follow Jesus? (Trick question) (Rich young ruler in Matthew 19:21-22)
 - Do you need to give up your life to follow Jesus? Yes. It's an exchange.
- Why I pray for the offering the way I do: The line is in different places for different people and it moves.
 - The first thing the Lord deals with you about when you get saved isn't going to be tithing!
 - However, as time goes on your giving will change.
 - Can you ever really give enough?
- Spirit led giving
 - This is not the same as just doing what you want. It is doing what the Lord shows you to do. This can be very different from what you want.
 - Cheerful giver: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- Defining Tithes and Offerings
 - Tithe is a tenth of your income consistently given to the Lord.
 - Offerings are separate from the Tithe for special situations. Examples include personal missions giving, building fund, etc.
- Tithing: Jacob's vow in Genesis 28:10-22
 - This was before the Mosaic Law. Abraham also tithed to Melchizedek.
 - There is no record of Jacob being required to tithe in order to receive the promises described in the previous verses. So, why did he?
- Malachi 3:8-10
 - Holding back from God doesn't help you financially. Poverty mentality.
 - Is God trying to deprive people?
- Will tithing make me rich?
 - Not if that's why you do it! 1 Timothy 6:5, Matthew 6:2-4
 - I do believe you will be better off if you tithe for the right reasons.
 - Braking covetousness and seeing financial opportunities.
- How you need to give:
 - To God in obedience and in faith, not out of a sense of obligation.
 - Avoid compartment syndrome. Give your financial life to God too.
 - Over time this will develop into tithes and offerings. Don't rush it, but it will be good when it happens. "Test" tithe is an option at Good Hope.
- Good Hope Tithes 10% to missions
- I Tithe 10% to the MN District
- A church full of tithers is strong. A church full of tippers is weak.
- Good Hope doesn't nickel and dime
 - If those who are able (spiritually) to tithe do so, we don't need to put a money jar by the coffee, etc, etc.