**Bible Study Lesson:** **Tithing and Giving in the Church**

**1. The First Mention of Tithing: A Voluntary Act of Worship**

Scriptures:

Genesis 14:18-20

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think Abraham chose to give a tenth of what he had?
2. How does viewing tithing as an act of worship change your perspective on giving?
3. Can you think of times when you’ve experienced God’s provision and responded in a similar way to Abraham?

**2. From Tradition to Law: When Tithing Became a Mandate**

Scriptures:

Leviticus 27:30

Malachi 3:10

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How did tithing as a law change its significance for the people of Israel?
2. What does Malachi 3:10 teach us about the connection between tithing and trusting God?
3. Do you feel that giving is sometimes treated more as an obligation than an act of trust and worship today?

**3. The New Testament: From Law to Love**

Scriptures:

Matthew 5:17

2 Corinthians 9:7

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the New Testament change our understanding of giving compared to the Old Testament?
2. What does it mean to you personally to be a "cheerful giver"?
3. How can we ensure that our giving is motivated by love rather than obligation?

**4. The Impact of Giving: For the Church and the Giver**

Scriptures:

Luke 6:38

**Discussion Questions:**

1. In what ways does giving to the church impact its ability to do ministry?
2. Have you experienced God's blessings in your own life through giving? How?
3. How can we cultivate a heart that is willing to give even when we don’t see an immediate

return?

**5. A Matter of the Heart: Giving as a Relationship**

Scriptures:

1 Samuel 16:7

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How does your attitude toward giving reflect your relationship with God?
2. What steps can we take to ensure that our giving remains a matter of the heart and not just a religious duty?
3. In what ways can we deepen our relationship with God through the act of giving?