

# Sermon Notes

**Our Church's Original Purpose** - To be known throughout Nichols Hills as a friendly church with a program to meet the needs of the entire community.

**Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

**We connect to God in Worship, to Others in a Small group, and to Ministry by Serving.**

**Matthew 25:34-36, 40** - 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

**I Thessalonians 3:6-9** - <sup>6</sup>But now Timothy has just returned, bringing us good news about your faith and love. He reports that you always remember our visit with joy and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. <sup>7</sup>So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. <sup>8</sup>It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>How we thank God for you! **Because of you** we have great joy as we enter God's presence.

**Because of you, God is changing lives.**

**Because of you, children and youth are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**Because of you, grieving families are being comforted and finding hope.**

**Because of you, students are being fed and clothed at John Marshall High School.**

**Because of you, women are overcoming alcoholism through our Women's A.A. Group.**

**II Corinthians 9:11-15** - <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

<sup>12</sup>So two good things will result from this ministry of giving – the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. <sup>13</sup>As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. <sup>14</sup>And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. <sup>15</sup>Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

**Leviticus 27:30** - A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

**The Hebrew word for tithe is the word *ma'aser*. It means a tenth.**

**Tithing Provides for God's Work through God's Church - Malachi 3:10** - <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

**Lord, what percentage of my income are you calling me to give?**

**Things I would like to remember from today's sermon:** \_\_\_\_\_

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