

Keeping Up With The Joneses How To Be Rich

1. Acknowledge that _____

Key: _____

Psalm 112:1-3 *How joyful are those who fear the LORD AND delight in obeying his commands. Their children will be successful everywhere...They themselves will be wealthy...*

2. Understand who _____

Deuteronomy 8:18 *Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth.*

I Timothy 6:7 *For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it.*

3. _____ are supposed to do

I Timothy 6:17-19 *Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.*

a) _____

Proverbs 22:9 *A generous man will have God's blessing.*

2 Corinthians 8:7 *Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

b) _____

A "tithe" is giving the first 10% of my income.

An "offering" is anything I give in addition to my tithe.

What is tithing?

The first tenth of what you earn given back to God at the place where you worship.

Matthew 23:23 *Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either. (Jesus)*

Wasn't tithing just for the Jews living under the OT law?

*Abraham tithed before the law was given: Genesis 14:17-20

*Jesus spoke positively about tithing: Matthew 23:23

*New Testament giving is consistently way beyond just tithing: Acts 2:44-45; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Why did God have them do it?

Acts 17:25 *And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.*

#1: It is a reminder that everything belongs to God

Psalm 24:1 *The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it...*

#2: It is an expression of our gratitude to God

#3: It helps me keep my focus on God

Deuteronomy 14:23 *The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives.*

#4: It lasts forever (I Timothy 6:19)

#5: It provides for the needs of His organization

#6: It gives God the opportunity to bless me more

Luke 6:38 *Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*

I Timothy 6:6-10 *Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*