

# DISCIPLE

## THE JOURNEY OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Bridge City  
CHURCH

Part 8: Why You Shouldn't Tithe

June 7, 2026



CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

Throughout this series, we have discovered that following Jesus transforms our priorities, our relationships, and the way we live each day. This week, we explore one of the areas that most clearly reveals what is in our hearts: our relationship with money. This teaching reminds us that discipleship also influences how we manage the resources God places in our hands.

In **Matthew 6**, Jesus directly connects our treasures to our hearts and teaches that it is impossible to serve two masters at the same time. Financial obedience is not simply about giving or not giving; it is about recognizing who holds first place in our lives. When we trust God above our possessions, we demonstrate that our security, our hope, and our worship are found in Him.

**Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.**

**Matthew 6:21, 24 (NLT)**



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. In **Matthew 6:21 and 24**, Jesus connects our hearts to what we value and serve. What does this passage teach you about the connection between your priorities and your relationship with God?
2. In **Malachi 3:8–10**, God challenged His people to trust Him and honor Him with their resources. Have you ever experienced a situation where obeying God in the area of finances required trust beyond what seemed logical or comfortable?

3. When you think about your current financial habits, what obstacles might be preventing you from putting God first? What decision do you need to consider before Him?

## Financial obedience is an expression of spiritual trust.

### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Practice financial obedience in tangible ways:

1. **Put God First – Priority.** Take a few minutes to review your priorities and evaluate whether your financial decisions reflect what you say you value most. Take one specific action that demonstrates God holds first place in your life.
2. **Trust God as Your Source – Trust.** Make a list of the financial concerns that occupy your mind the most and bring them to God in prayer. Then choose to take one responsible step of obedience.
3. **Honor God as an Act of Worship.** If you receive any income this week, consider intentionally setting aside 10% before allocating the rest to other expenses. Let this practice remind you that everything you have comes from God and that honoring Him is an expression of worship and trust in His lordship.

### PRAYER

“Jesus, thank You because everything we have comes from You and for Your faithfulness in our lives. We acknowledge that You are our Savior and our only source of security. Help us trust You above our circumstances and honor You with everything You place in our hands. May we live with obedient hearts filled with gratitude. Amen.”

### TIPS

- A disciple of Jesus makes decisions based on trust and obedience, not convenience or immediate gain.
- If you face financial pressure or uncertainty this week, remember that you can come to God honestly and ask Him for wisdom for every step.
- Following Christ transforms the way we view resources: we stop seeing them as our security and learn to steward them as a responsibility entrusted to us by God.



## Men's Afternoon

Saturday, June 20

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