
Big Dreams, Bigger God: You Can't Out Give God pt2

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“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘**It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” *Acts 20:35, ESV***

True Blessing in Life Is Not What We Hold on To but
What We Let Go Of

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” *Matthew 6:24, ESV*

TO LIVE THE BLESSED LIFE THERE ARE 3 THINGS I CANNOT DO

1. I Cannot Ignore God's Word
2. I Cannot Hold on To What God Says to Let Go Of

“After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed [*lit.* bitterness of soul] and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly.” *1 Samuel 1:9–10, ESV*

“And she vowed a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, **if you** will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son,

then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.” *1 Samuel 1:11, ESV*

“They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. And **in due time** Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the Lord.” *1 Samuel 1:19–20, ESV*

She Had to Go Home and Work Out Her Vow

“And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young.” *1 Samuel 1:24, ESV*

“I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord” *1 Samuel 1:27–28, NIV*

3. I Cannot Out Give God!

“But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.” Then they would go home. And the Lord was gracious to Hannah; **she gave birth to three sons and two daughters.** Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.”
1 Samuel 2:18–21, NIV

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” *Malachi 3:10, NIV*

3 Dangerous Theologies:

1. The Prosperity Theology
2. The Poverty Theology
3. Tithing Solves Poverty Theology

Tithing Makes Me Obedient and Obedience Makes Me Blessable

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” *John 3:16, NIV*

You Can Give Without Loving but
You Cannot Love Without Giving

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We commit to you that if you tithe for three months and God doesn't hold true to His promises of blessings, we will Refund 100% of your tithe. No questions asked!