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AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Daniel shared that an acceptable gift is one where we bring to God what already belongs to Him. This is why Scripture teaches us to tithe, which means the first ten percent and represents the best, a gift worthy of God. True giving in this way is an act of worship because we know that God is not after our money. He is after our hearts and desires to be first in our lives. Tithing is just one way to put God first. Giving less than the first and the best dishonors God and places a curse on the resources we withhold from Him.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Matthew 13:45-46
- Genesis 4:2b-5 (NLT)
- Exodus 23:19a
- Leviticus 27:30
- Malachi 3:8-11
- Matthew 23:23

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What are some practical ways you can put God first in your life?
- If you have practiced putting God first, what are some things you learned you no longer need or desire?
- What is a tithe? What is an offering?
- What are some of the benefits of tithing?
- How do your gifts honor God?

- Do you freely give back to God (tithe), or do you feel hesitation? If you feel hesitation, how can you change your thinking to ensure you feel joy and peace when you return the tithe?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Addition is great, but multiplication is better. In what ways will you multiply your giving and your ministry to the communities around you?
- How can you make your giving a time of worship and a holy time?
 - Set time aside and make it special by praying and thanking Him for giving you the ability to earn an income.
 - Pray Scripture over your tithe.
 - Take the opportunity to worship during this time through song.

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- Why was Cain's offering rejected but Abel's offering accepted in Genesis chapter 4? What does this say about how our gifts can honor/dishonor God?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray that God will give each member the courage to return their tithe to the House and be joyful and generous in their giving.

LEADER TIPS

- Rephrase your question if you don't get a response after several seconds. This will help if the question was unclear or could be interpreted in multiple ways.