

There is a difference between a tithe and an offering:

- A "tithe" is giving ten percent of my _____
- An "offering" is anything I give _____ to my tithe.

3. PURPOSE TO GIVE _____ SO YOU CAN EXPECT BREAK THROUGH INCREASE

Luke 6:38 (JESUS) "GIVE, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

This is the law of sowing and _____. You plant your seed FIRST before there will be a harvest of increase.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 "Now the one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **YOU WILL BE MADE RICH IN EVERY WAY SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS ON EVERY OCCASION, AND THROUGH US YOUR GENEROSITY WILL RESULT IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD.**"

JESUS BLESSES PETER

Luke 5:3-4 "Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'"

Luke 5:6 "When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to **BREAK.**"

Glory Center Mission Statement:

"To ignite the world with the Loving Presence of God through the experience of worship, reconciliation and relationship."



MICAH 2:13

"One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will **BREAK THROUGH** the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the Lord at their head."

"**BREAK THROUGH**"- (Strong's #6555, Parats) means:

1. To Break _____ and Burst _____
2. To _____ and _____
3. To Be _____
4. To _____

ISAIAH 45:1-3 (NKJV)

"Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held- to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: **I WILL GO BEFORE YOU AND MAKE THE CROOKED PLACES STRAIGHT; I WILL BREAK IN PIECES THE GATES OF BRONZE AND CUT THE BARS OF IRON. I WILL GIVE YOU THE TREASURES OF DARKNESS AND HIDDEN RICHES OF SECRET PLACES...**"

Cyrus, the king of Persia, was anointed by God to defeat Babylon, which had 100 massive gates made of brass and covered with iron. The gates were impossible to penetrate. God was saying He would go before this king in order to release God's people and the wealth from captivity. Cyrus then made a proclamation releasing the people and the finances needed to rebuild the temple. See Ezra 1:1-3

You are anointed by God to be a _____ & to _____ God's house.

3 KEYS TO BREAKING THROUGH WITH GENEROSITY:

1. PURPOSE TO HAVE A GENEROUS _____

God wants to touch our hearts so we are a generous people.

Cyrus' heart was touched by God.

Ezra 1:1-2 "In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord **MOVED THE HEART** of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing: `This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.'"

JESUS SAID: "For where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires, that on which your life centers] will be also." (Matthew 6:21 AMP)

Apostolic people have a generous spirit.

Acts 4:32-35 "**ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND.** No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as had need."

As we grow in Christ Jesus, our hearts are transformed to become more and more like Him.

1. God is a _____
2. Satan is a _____
3. My old human nature is a _____
4. As a Believer, I am being transformed into a _____

2 Corinthians 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

2. PLACE GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE & HONOR HIM WITH YOUR _____

Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB) "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in **FIRST PLACE** in your life."

There are break through benefits to giving generously to God.

Malachi 3:8-12 "Will a person rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, `How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse- the whole nation of you- because you are robbing me. **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 flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit, says the Lord Almighty. Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land, says the Lord Almighty."

When I put God first by giving my tithe, then God promises to _____ me and also _____ my harvest.