

The **SECOND STEP** in PROSPERITY

A. DOES GOD WANT US PROSPEROUS?

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| 1. The Lord has pleasure in our prosperity. | Psalm 35:27 |
| 2. Affirm constantly. | Titus 3:8 |
| 3. Wealth and riches will be in our house. | Psalm 112:3 |
| 4. May the Lord increase you more and more. | Psalm 115:14 |
| 5. Prosper in all things. | 3 John:2 |

B. THE FIRST STEP

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| 1. The Tithe --- God's 10%. | Mal 3:8-12 |
| 2. Giving the tithe to God is the test, with God rewarding our FAITH and OBEDIENCE. | |

C. THE SECOND STEP

1. Offerings over and above the tithe.
2. Webster's Dictionary: presentation of a gift, a contribution, a sacrifice to God in worship and thanksgiving.
3. Zondervan's Bible Dictionary: the need for purification from sin or the desire of the worshipper to enter into fellowship with God.
4. Old Testament / Old Covenant OFFERINGS
 - a. Different types for different purposes with different specifications.
 - 1) Sin Offering (provided for acts of unconscious transgressions, mistakes, or other inadvertencies. Lev 4:1-35
 - 2) Trespass Offering (or Guilt Offering, signified restitution). Lev 5:14-6:7
 - 3) Peace Offering (for right spiritual relations with God). Lev 3:1-17
 - 4) Meal or Meat Offering (in services of consecration). Exod 29:41
 - 5) Drink Offering (accompanied many sacrifices). Gen 28:18 & 35:14
 - 6) Wave or Heave Offering for peace: movement back and forth, and up and down, making the sign of the cross). Exod 29 24-28

- b. Tithes and Offerings must follow the letter of the law but be given to God in the spirit of the law with right attitude and expectation (partnership --- we do our part and God will do His part).

5. God's Scriptural Support for Giving Offerings

- a. Work to have something to give. Eph 4:28
- b. Robbing God in Tithes and Offerings. Mal 3:8
- c. Give Offerings so as not to rob God. Eph 4:28
- d. Cast your bread upon the waters. Eccl 11:1
- e. Scatter (be generous) and increase (be made rich). Prov 11:24-25
- f. Give and it will be given unto you. Luke 6:38
- g. As you sow, so shall you reap. 2 Cor 9:6-7
- h. The Parable of the Sower. Mark 4
- i. Seed yields according to its kind. Gen 1:12

6. Practical Applications in Giving Offerings

- a. Name your seed. Gen 1:12
 - 1) 30-, 60-, 100-fold return. Mark 4:20
 - 2) Seed yields after its own kind. Gen 1:12
 - 3) The latter rain overtaking the former rain. James 5:7
Amos 9:13
- b. Have money with you at all times (cash, checks, etc.).
- c. Money Magnet (not for spending nor for emergency nor for a rainy day, but for GIVING as the Holy Spirit directs). Matt 25:29; Luke 19:26
- d. Give at every opportunity. Prov 11 & Eccl 11
- e. Do not despise small beginnings. Zech 4:10
 - 1) Special project: break into smaller steps.
- f. Don't be weary in well-doing. Gal 6:9
- g. Abound to every good work. 2 Cor 9:8 AmpC
- h. LIVE to GIVE!!