

Eyes on the
Harvest
YEAR-END OFFERING

December 2023

Embracing Generosity

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The scripture reminds us that generosity is not merely a matter of financial contribution but a testament to our faith. When we give selflessly, we're affirming our trust in the Lord's providence over our lives.

This year, let us consider how we might offer a portion of what we've received back into God's work. It's not about fulfilling a need; it's about demonstrating our dependence on Him, acknowledging that every gift we possess is from above.

The act of giving transcends the material. As we open our hearts and wallets, we open a conduit for God's blessings to flow not only to others but back into our own lives. Luke 6:38 beautifully articulates this promise:

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

Your contribution to our year-end Giving campaign is more than a donation; it's a participation in the divine cycle of generosity. Let's join together in this act of faith, trusting in the One who multiplies our giving beyond measure.

Living Kingdom First

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“Tithing” is a kingdom principle, and it is the biblical practice of giving the first 10% of your income back to God, as an expression of our thankfulness for his past provision and a statement of our trust in his future provision.

In Scripture, this command is followed by some amazing promises:

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.
– Proverbs 3:9-10

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.
– Malachi 3:10

Living Kingdom First means seeking the kingdom of God before everything else (Matthew 6:33). It means putting our everything into God’s hand so that God might put his hand into our everything.

Above & Beyond

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While the giving of the tithe is a command from God, the giving of “offerings” are given of our own free will, over and above the tithe. The Scriptures provide no set amounts or percentages for offerings; we are free to give them as we feel led of the Lord at a particular moment.

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
– 2 Corinthians 9:7*

This admonition is also followed by a powerful promise:

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
– 2 Corinthians 9:8*

Believing For More

As we bid farewell to this year, it's a moment to reflect on God's steadfast presence and anticipate the promises He holds for us in the year to come. We invite you to select a word that embodies God's plans for you in the forthcoming year.

Carry this word through the new year, let it guide your prayers and serve as a testament to his enduring grace.

If you're uncertain about your word, consider these prompts:

- Identify an area you've sought God's intervention for a breakthrough.
- Reflect on how God has nurtured or challenged you this year.
- Contemplate the transformation you desire in your life or work.

Your chosen word is deeply personal, and it may even be inspired by someone you hold in your prayers. Embrace this word, pray upon it, and let it shape your journey ahead.

The Impact

From local gatherings to our online community, our mission is steadfast: to spread the gospel further. The focus of our year-end giving is to enhance and broaden our ministry's reach to connect with individuals no matter where they are.

Outreach Commitment

This year the entirety of the End of Year offering will be applied to our outreach strategy for 2024.

This strategy is comprised of 5 Strategic Points:

- We will prepare the house for the harvest as we Enhance our Spaces, bringing color and life to the blank canvas that is our current facility.
- We will raise the bar of our musicality to a new level of excellence as we Elevate our Worship Experience.
- We will cast a broader net over the East Bay and beyond as we Expand our Outreach through content marketing and social media.
- We will continue to call the whole church to the ministry as we Empower our Membership to care for and disciple the new souls that the Lord will send.
- We will Enrich our Covenant through three Celebrational Covenant Feasts during the year.

Stretching Our Faith

On December 10, our church community will unite in a collective act of faith through giving. It's a momentous occasion whether you're contributing for the first time or continuing a tradition of generosity. It's more than a donation; it's our shared belief in God's work through us.

If you're new to giving, consider this your invitation to start tithing. If tithing is already part of your practice, perhaps you're ready to give even more. This isn't about the amount—it's about trustfully offering what we hold dear to God.

This week, dedicate time to prayerfully discern the step God is urging you to take in generosity.

If you can't join us in person you can participate
online at lineage.us

We can't wait
to see all God
is going to do
through you.

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