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TRIUMPHANT GENEROSITY

## Triumphant Generosity

God calls us to live with triumphant generosity - not only with our time and compassion - but also with our finances. This isn't always easy, but God calls us not to operate by what we see, but by placing our trust in Him even in a very tangible area like our finances. Putting this into practice means giving back to God a percentage of what He has already given to us. Not because God needs our investment, but rather it's a practice of trust - understanding that all we have comes from Him.

But giving isn't just about what God wants from us but what He wants for us. When we stretch our faith through giving, God can pour out His blessings in our lives and bring triumph!

Luke 6:38 says:

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.

Where in your life do you need triumph?



"Tithe" means "tenth," so when we tithe, we're returning the first 10% of our income back to Him. We're setting it aside for God and trusting Him to be the foundation of our finances.

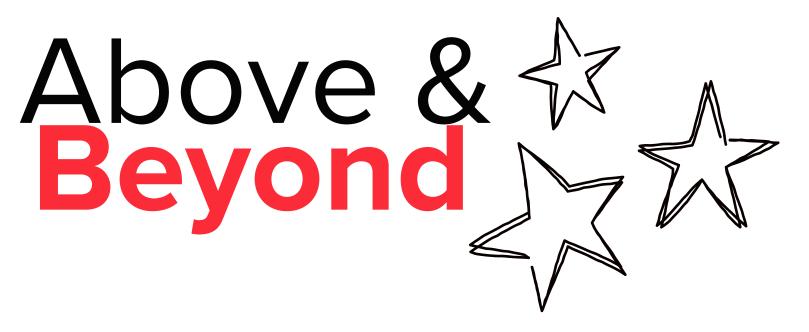
When we bring Him our first fruits, God promises His provision and blessings, which often come in the form of a greater level of peace and trust or learning to rely on Him.

### **PROVERBS 3:9-10**

HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH, WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL YOUR CROPS; THEN YOUR BARNS WILL BE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING, AND YOUR VATS WILL BRIM OVER WITH NEW WINE.



Tithing requires a choice of obedience and a desire to realign your priority with God's. You may feel like you cannot afford to give God the first 10% of your income, but over time as you simply do it, shifting your spending habits and reordering God to first place, you will feel and see God's mighty hand at work in your life and peace in your budget.



"Offerings" are gifts given above and beyond the tithe. There's no set amount or percentage detailed in scripture; instead, it's about the sacrifice you feel called to make.

God's Word says "...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

### PROVERBS 11:24 MSG THE WORLD OF THE GENEROUS GETS LARGER AND LARGER; THE WORLD OF THE STINGY GETS SMALLER AND SMALLER.

## Believing for TRIUMPH

As the year comes to a close, we get the opportunity to look back on all the ways God has brought victory and look ahead in hope into the new year.

We encourage you to sit down and make a list of all the ways and areas of your life that God has truly made this year a 'year of triumph' for you in both big and small ways.

When difficult times hit next, you'll be able to look back at God's ability to sustain you and His faithfulness to bring about good to you.

### Psalms 20:4-5

May He grant your heart's desire and make all your plans succeed.

May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God.

May the Lord answer all your prayers.



We're committed to reaching even more people with the gospel by growing our Jesus-proclaiming, Bible-preaching and Holy Spirit-flled church in the Metro Boston Region. This year-end giving season focuses on growing and expanding our ministry so we can continue to reach people for Jesus and take stories to new heights.

### **OUTREACH**

When you give, 10% of every dollar that comes in goes right back out through StoryHeights Outreach through ministries like our Mattapan Crisis Center, ReWrite Program, and POP Center.

### A step in triumph.

Beginning December 3, we'll stretch our faith and give together as a church through December 31. Whether this is the first time you've given or you've been giving for years, this is always a special time for our church to come together as we fight for our year of triumph.

For many of you, that means you'll take the first step to begin tithing. For some of you who have been consistently tithing, that means you'll take a step to give an offering above and beyond the tithe. This season isn't about how much you give, but it is about your willingness to place something of yours in God's hands.

Take some time this week to pray about the next step you feel God is calling you to take.

If you can't join us in person, you can participate online at StoryHeights.com

# We can't wait to raise a victory banner with you!

