



## Secrets to a Successful Marriage

### Principle number Nineteen

## Pay your Tithes

We have a promise from God. If we will pay our tithes so that His ministry can go forth in this earth, He will bless our lives. Come together as a team and make this commitment to put God first and pay your tithe to your local church. You will not be sorry, for God is not a man that He can lie. Under the New Testament Tithing is no longer a law. Under the Old Testament it was a law. If you did not tithe you would be cursed (Malachi 3:8). Under the New Testament, God loves you whether you tithe or not. However tithing is a principle that will bring you great blessing. There is a law of seedtime and harvest. Paying your tithe and giving offerings is like planting seed in the ground. God will multiply your financial seed back to you. He will cause financial grace to abound to you.

*2 Corinthians 9:6-11 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 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. 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.*

He will put you at the right place at the right time. He will give you favor with man. God's prosperity is not only having all your needs met but also having abundance to give to others. This is God's design for your finances. The tithe is holy unto God. If you will give to Him is will cause all your money to be holy, which in turn will bring financial blessings to you.

There are other principles that you must learn if you are going to experience the blessings of the Lord. The blessings of the Lord will make you rich and will have no sorry attached. You will have to control what is coming out of your mouth. You can't go around talking about lack, for your tongue is like a rudder on a boat. It will turn your life to whatever it is saying. You will have to find a few scriptures that promise you provision and prosperity and put them in your heart

and then confess them daily with your mouth (Philippians 4:19). You cannot be lazy and expect to prosper (Proverbs 24:33-34) so you will have to make up your mind you are going to be diligent in everything you do.

### **A Time to Reflect**

1. Are you willing to pay your tithes?
2. Do you believe if you pay your tithes God will make financial grace abound to you?
3. What are you saying about your finances?
4. Are you lazy or are you diligent?
5. What changes can you make to be more diligent?