



# Ship Shape

EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY OF GROWTH  
"STEWARDSHIP" PART 2

 New Life Christian Center  
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*Remember this - a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, 10-11 (NLT)*

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ with God as I give.

2. It's not good \_\_\_\_\_... but \_\_\_\_\_ giving that feeds my soul.

*You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)*

Three parts to my giving...

- Make giving a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Make an intentional \_\_\_\_\_.

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Malachi 3:10 (NLT)*

- Let giving \_\_\_\_\_.

3. It's not ultimately about money, it's about the \_\_\_\_\_ of my soul.

*From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. John 1:16 (NLT)*



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1. I am SAFE with God as I give.

2. It's not good INTENTIONS... but ACTUAL giving that feeds my soul.

*You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)*

Three parts to my giving...

- Make giving a PRIORITY.
- Make an intentional PLAN.

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- Let giving GROW.

3. It's not ultimately about money, it's about the CONDITION of my soul.

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**DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS**  
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## **[CONNECT]**

Have you ever grown a plant or garden from just seeds? What was the process of growth? Did you feel like you were losing something when you planted the seeds?

## **[ENGAGE]**

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

## **[GROW]**

1. How does the agricultural imagery in 2 Corinthians 9:6 help us understand the concept of generosity?
2. According to 2 Corinthians 9:8, what does God promise to those who give generously?
3. What does Malachi 3:10 suggest about the relationship between tithing and experiencing God's blessings?
4. Share a time when you felt anxious about your finances. How can the promise in 2 Corinthians 9:8 help you trust God more in that area?
5. Identify one area in your life where you can test God's promise in Malachi 3:10. What specific action will you take to bring your tithe or offering to God?
6. Consider the condition of your heart when you give. What practical steps can you take to become a more cheerful giver?

## **[LEAD (YOURSELF)]**

How can you create a plan for your giving that aligns with the biblical principle of tithing? Write down a specific percentage and a timeline for increasing your giving.