

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 17

The Year of Sowing – Finances – Giving Teaches the Fear of God

Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 14:23 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: This passage teaches us a valuable lesson in our understanding of the sowing of the seeds of giving. When we bring our tithes faithfully to God, based upon the teaching we have already seen, that God owns all, that He loans us all we have for His glory, and that we are to bring the first and best to Him, we learn a valuable lesson. The fear of God. The idea of the fear of God is often misunderstood. Many think of the fear of God as the kind of fear you would have if you met a large grizzly bear in the forest. Or the fear of getting in trouble with God. But that is not what the Bible teaches us concerning God. The Bible teaches that the fear of God is the convergence of awe, reverence, adoration, honor, worship, confidence, thankfulness, love, and, yes, fear. In a read sense, the fear of God is understanding God rightly, and living in the light of who God really is. Therefore, when we bring our first fruits to God, we honor Him for who He is, and as we honor Him for who He is, our maker, our shepherd, our redeemer, the One who loves us, the One who holds us accountable for our actions and our faith in Him, then we begin to learn the fear of God through our giving. We learn to give God the place that He deserves by sowing the seeds of our finances gladly and joyfully for the work of His Kingdom. When we understand God's ways in our lives, we begin to experience a new level of peace, fulfillment and joy. The kind of life that intends for us to have as we walk in harmony with His ways. Are you learning the fear of God through your giving? Take time this week to learn this important lesson of life with God.

- Day 1:** Meditate today on verses about the fear of the Lord: Psalm 111:10; Psalm 19:9; Job 28:28; 2 Chronicles 19:9.
- Day 2:** Confess to the Lord the ways you have not sought after the fear of God in your life and your giving.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to help you understand the Biblical teaching of the fear of the Lord.
- Day 4:** Pray that you and your family will be learning together the fear of the Lord.
- Day 5:** Pray that your church leaders would be teaching the Biblical principles of the fear of the Lord, and especially as it relates to sowing seeds of giving first fruits.
- Day 6:** Pray that other churches in your city would be teaching these principles as well.
- Day 7:** Pray that the missionaries you know will be living in this truth and teaching it on their mission fields.