

## The Church is Strengthened “ Stephen ”

Acts 4 and 6:1-7:60

### Tithing

We are all called to \_\_\_\_\_ God through stewardship of our time, our talents, our testimony and our tithe.

The central theme of the tithe is to recognize that everything was created by God and is ultimately owned by God. Humans exist as the \_\_\_\_\_ of these resources.

Give God what He \_\_\_\_\_.

Tithe means \_\_\_\_\_.

### Old Testament on Tithing

God's people were obligated to give 10% back to God.

Genesis 14:19–20

Proverbs 11:25

Malachi 3:10

### New Testament on Tithing

No longer required.

Matthew 23:23

Acts 10:4

Acts 24:17

Jesus Christ has become the once and for all times \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

We are \_\_\_\_\_ obligated but out of gratitude for Christ's ultimate sacrifice, you can give \_\_\_\_\_ percent back to the Lord.

You will never outgive God.

God loves a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.

The wrong question to ask is, “What do I give”, but “What do I \_\_\_\_\_?”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Use our resources to establish \_\_\_\_\_ where life is truly life!

Acts 4: 33 Much \_\_\_\_\_ was upon them.

### Testimony in the midst of a trial.

A Transition \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem

Chapter 6 The church begins to experience intensified \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 6:1–7 Internal strife starts the need for \_\_\_\_\_ to care for those in need.

Acts 7:51-60 \_\_\_\_\_ is martyred.

Vs. 59 “Lord Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ my spirit.”

Vs. 60 “Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ hold this sin against them.”

His dying breath is spent pleading with God to forgive them so they might come to \_\_\_\_\_.

He is loving his \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to ponder this week:

Are you a stingy giver or a cheerful giver.

Are you putting the needs of others before you or demanding your rights?