

**LIVING BEYOND BLESSED PART III**  
**“WHO’S THE OWNER”**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- Blessed = endowed with divine favor and protection
- Week one we talked about stewardship and generosity.
- Last week was about God moving toward us, deciding who owns what.
- In order to worship you must understand generosity.
- We are blessed to be a blessing - Genesis 12:1-3
- All that sits on a foundation of ownership.

**I. IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD**

- You can't steward something if you don't know who owns it.
- Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world, and all its people belong to Him."
- Psalm 50:10-12, "...for the world is mine and all its fullness."
- God says, it is mine.
- It isn't yours or mine, it is all His.

**II. THE FIRST BELONGS TO GOD**

- The first belongs to God.
- Exodus 13:2 NIV, "...The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me..."
- Exodus 23:19 NKJV, "The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God."
- The first of your first fruits, tithe.

- Genesis 4:4-5, "...The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry..."
- God accepted a first fruit offering, but rejected the other 2500 years earlier because this was a principle with God.
- Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and He will add everything else to you."
- Malachi 3:8-10, "...<sup>10</sup> bring all the tithes into the storehouse...and try me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you *such* blessing that *there will not be room enough to receive it.*"

**III. THE TITHE BELONGS TO GOD**

- Tithe is Hebrew for tenth - 1<sup>st</sup> tenth.
- Leviticus 27:30 NKJV, "All the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the Lord's. It *is* holy to the Lord."
- First 10%, not just 10%.
- Why did God choose 10%? No doubt it is a test.
- It is a test, and so many times we come up with so many arguments, but God is testing our hearts.
- Luke 16:10-11, "...if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"
- Matthew 23:23 NLT, "...you should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things."

**CLOSE**

- God asks you to test Him...will you?
- Remember the promise.
- Malachi 3:10-11, "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! Put me to the test!..."