



The Life of Abraham—A Giving Heart

Abram’s Giving of A Tithe

Abram gave ten percent of all he had to the priest of the High God. This was long before Israel became a nation and was 400 years before the law was given to tithe. He is an example to us that we should give to the Lord regardless of the law. In the N.T. Christians are told that all of what they have belongs to God.

1. The Tithe of Self.

It begins with giving one selves to God and You now belong to God! When I accepted Christ as my Savior at ten years old, the Holy Spirit spade to my heart and sai if Jesus was willing to die for you, you should be willing to live for Him. I was so moved that I got my eight year old friend and we started going door to door telling people about Jesus. We had not heard of soul-winning yet but it seemed like the right thing to do. It Waa and still IS the right thing to do.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

(19) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

(20) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which which are God's.

2. Tithing with Time – Spend time Worshipping and Working for God.

Ephesians 5:16

redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Psalm 90:12

So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

3. Tithing with Talents – Use what God gives for Him.

Romans 12:6

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith;

1Corinthians 7:7

For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

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The Life of Abram - A Giving Heart

Abram rejected the offer made by the ungodly King of Sodom to split the profits between them. He showed Integrity above Reproach as he had already decided in his heart what he must do.

Genesis 14:22-23

(22) But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

(23) that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'—

True Greatness:

What are the qualities of a Great Person: Look at Abram's Life.

First: He was *Genuinely Unselfishness*

They cultivate a generosity of heart, a genuine desire to share.

They develop an ability to discern what is needed and then give whatever they can.

They don't hold to possessions or relationships so tightly that they squeeze the life out of them.

Second: He was Great because of *Self Sacrifice*

Great people possess a willingness to sacrifice their own wants, needs, and comfort for the sake of others.

Third: He was *not motivated by Greed*

Great people are not motivated by personal gain. Why should we be? You cannot take possessions to heaven. Money is a means to a greater end. It's a tool to accomplish a greater good.

Fourth: He had a *Spirit of Gentleness*

A restraint of Power. They control themselves rather than trying to gain control of others.

Fifth: Abram was *Humble*

God loves humility and Abraham was humble. God called Abraham His friend.

Isaiah. 41:8

But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

When I feel close to someone my choice of words to let that person know that I esteem the highly is to call them "my friend". For a man I often use the term "Brother". I heard about a preacher with a doctorate degree who was introduced as Brother So and so, the guest preacher was offended and said on stage you will call me by my proper title Dr. So and so, May I say to you that in all we just saw about humility, if I was being introduced as "Brother", I would be greatly honored!

If you are a born again child of God, then I am you Brother in Christ. Don't call me Dr.Howard, call me Brother Dave. My calling may be different than yours And you may not ever stand on a platform and preach the Word of God but let me tell you this, we both enter the gates of Heaven through the Grace of God not by any works that we have done. May we continue in this life with a Spirit of humility.



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



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GREATNESS IS HUMILITY

This is the sum total of all the characteristics of Greatness.

