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Sermon Notes
Don't Tithe: Give Joyfully & Generously

Why Give?

1. Because it is a barometer of your relationship with God.

Mere giving itself is no sign of grace or redemption. It will save no one's soul. The giving of the redeemed is a response to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 6:21 ESV

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Why Give?

2. Because Giving is Good for You.

Deuteronomy 14:23 NLT

23 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.

Romans 1:21 NLT

21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

Deuteronomy 26:2 NLT

2 put some of the first produce from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored.

According to secular researches giving:

1. Makes you happier
2. Makes you healthier
3. Promotes cooperation and social connections
4. Promotes gratitude
5. Is contagious

Why Give?

3. Because it allows us to participate in spreading God's grace.

Deuteronomy 26:11 NLT

11 Afterward you may go and celebrate because of all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household. Remember to include the Levites and the foreigners living among you in the celebration.

If you give what you do not need, it isn't giving.
Mother Teresa.

2 Samuel 24:24 NLT

24 But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the Lord my God that have cost me nothing." So David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen.

2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Jesus had nothing, but gave everything.

We have everything, but give _____.