



## DGM Message Title: Only Three Things

### Concept: Who is first in your life?

**Message Summary:** Most people give to God out of what they have left. That's the problem! Tithe is GOD FIRST! That is the type of faith that causes God to do the things that He wants to do.

#### **Scriptural References:**

- Genesis 14:18, 20 NKJV
- Deuteronomy 6:5 NKJV
- Matthew 6:24 NKJV
- Matthew 23:23 NKJV
- Mark 21:41-44 NKJV
- Luke 24:50-51 NKJV
- Hebrews 5:6 NKJV
- Hebrews 6:19-20 NKJV
- Hebrews 7:4, 8-10, 17 NKJV

#### **Key Points:**

Hebrews 7:17 NKJV

- If you want to know what Jesus does as a high-priest, we have to look to Melchizedek

Hebrews 5:6 NKJV

- The writer is explaining that Melchizedek's ministry wasn't abolished with the law of Moses because it wasn't part of the law of Moses.
- His ministry preceded and surpassed the law

Hebrews 6:19 NKJV

- Jesus didn't go into a natural temple built from human hands. Instead, He went to a heavenly temple.
- The earthly temple was a duplicate of what was in heaven.

Hebrews 6:20 NKJV

- Jesus was a fulfillment of the foreshadowing that we see in Melchizedek.
- Jesus is a priest after a certain order. Whatever Melchizedek did, Jesus also did.
- So, what did he do?

Genesis 14:18 NKJV

- Abraham had just defeated the 4 kings in the valley. It was a miracle that he won.
- Melchizedek came out to meet Abraham after the defeat.

- FIRST THING: Greet Abraham with a covenant meal of bread and wine.
- WDJJ (what did Jesus do?): He commanded us to drink the wine and eat the bread in remembrance of Him.
- Melchizedek is the first high-priest in all of scripture, but he is also the typecast of the ultimate High Priest, Jesus.
- SECOND THING: Release a blessing.
- WDJJ: Jesus was a sacrifice on earth, but He took His blood behind the veil in the tabernacle in heaven and sprinkled it.
  - He stepped into His high-priestly role.
  - After He stepped into this role
- Luke 24:50-51 NKJV
  - Only a priest could do what Jesus did – lifted up His hands and blessed them.
  - Jesus wasn't the tribe of Levi, but He still did that.
  - This tells us that He is now functioning as priest.
  - Happiness is not our primary goal, but it is a primary by-product of God's blessing over our lives.
- What God has blessed, no man can curse.

#### Genesis 14:20 NKJV

- THIRD THING: Received the tithe.
- We embrace the bread and wine. We embrace the blessing of forgiveness. Many of us stop there.
- When it comes to the tithe, all of a sudden, there's a whole bunch of debate on what we should do.
- Jesus did what He was supposed to do on the cross. But when it comes to our turn, we start finding excuses.
- The tithe is not about God needed money it's about Him needing to be first in our lives.
- "I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week." – John D. Rockefeller
- Generosity is the only way we can keep things that we own from owning us.

#### Hebrews 7:4 NKJV

- Abraham was the father of the Jewish people. He was a descendent of Jesus, Himself. But he was not greater than the tithe.
- The lesser is blessed by the better.
  - Melchizedek was greater than father Abraham.

#### Hebrews 7:8 NKJV

- Jesus received your tithes.
- Every time we tithe, we testify before angels and demons that we believe that Jesus lives.
- I tithe because I love Jesus five thousand times more than Abraham ever loved Melchizedek.

#### Hebrews 7:9-10 NJKV

- We don't just give to impact our own lives, but to also impact generations that come after us.

- We put our future children under a covering.
- If Abraham tithed to a shadow of Jesus, how much more should be tithe to Jesus, himself?
- “God gave us two hands: one to help ourselves, but the second to help others” - Anonymous

Matthew 23:23 NKJV

- The scribes and Pharisees gave 10% out of their rigid religiosity, but they forgot to love.
- The tithe is an “ought to”
- “No one has ever become poor by giving.” – Anne Frank

Mark 12:41 NKJV

- If Jesus watch you give, would He be refreshed or depressed?
- Either Jesus is Lord of all or not Lord, at all
- Mathew 6:24 NKJV
- We won't carry anything in Heaven... so why should we hold so tightly to our earthly possessions?
- When the wealthy put their money in, Jesus didn't even flinch.

Mark 12:42 NKJV

- The woman gave so little that she couldn't even survive off of it.
- The noise was probably not even heard on heaven, but it registered in heaven like a slot machine jackpot.

Mark 12:43 NKJV

- The disciples were marveling at the big givers, but they missed the greatest giver.
- It wasn't the amount that mattered, it was the proportions.

Mark 12:44 NKJV

- You don't have to be rich to be generous.
- Generosity isn't about the size of your bank account. It's about the size of your heart.
- Most people give to God out of what they have left. That's the problem!
- Tithe is GOD FIRST!
- That is the type of faith that causes God to do the things that He wants to do.
- We don't have to be rich to be generous... all we have to do is be available.
- It's not how much we make, it's how much of God's heart we have.
- Are we putting Him first, or are we giving God an IOU?
- God didn't ask for it all; He is only asking for a piece.
- “You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” Amy Carmichael
- When you love someone, you look for opportunities to give.
- If we loved God first, we would put Him first.
- Deuteronomy 6:5 NKJV
- IF we truly loved our High-Priest – if we truly honored His order – we would submit in the area of tithing.