

**What's In Your Wallet? – Money**  
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**Matthew 6:24 (NIV)** “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

**2 Corinthians 9:8-11 (MSG)** God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done (ESV - having all contentment in all things at all times). As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is still even more extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

#### THE CANNOT NOTS:

1. God cannot not be there.
2. God cannot not care.
3. God cannot not know.
4. God cannot not be first.

Don't ever let your “but” keep you from God.

**Exodus 23:19 (KJV)** The first of the first fruits of your land, you shall bring into the house of the Lord Your God.

**Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)** A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

**Exodus 13:1-2 (MSG)** God spoke to Moses, saying, “Consecrate every firstborn to me— the first one to come from the womb among the Israelites, whether person or animal, is mine.”

**Exodus 13:11-13 (MSG)** “When God brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He promised you and your fathers, and turns it over to you, you are to set aside the first birth out of every womb to God. Every first birth from your livestock belongs to God. You can redeem every first birth of a donkey if you want to by substituting a lamb; if you decide not to redeem it, you must break its neck. [You must also] redeem every firstborn child among your sons...”

**First fruits and the tithe belong to God.**

**Galatians 3:19 (MSG)** *So why the Law then? The purpose of the law was to keep a sinful people in the way of salvation until Christ (the descendant) came, inheriting the promises and distributing them to us.*

**Malachi 3:6-11 (MSG)** *“I am God—yes, I Am. I haven’t changed. And because I haven’t changed, you, the descendants of Jacob, haven’t been destroyed. You have a long history of ignoring my commands. You haven’t done a thing I’ve told you. Return to me so I can return to you,” says God-of-the-Angel-Armies. “You ask, ‘But how do we return?’<sup>8-11</sup> “Begin by being honest. Do honest people rob God? But you rob me day after day. “You ask, ‘How have we robbed You?’ “The tithe and the offering—that’s how! And now you’re under a curse—the whole lot of you—because you’re robbing Me. Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don’t open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.*

**Because of Jesus, we moved from rules we could not keep into a relationship we do not deserve.**

**Matthew 23:23 (NIV)** *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.*

**Jesus is like Buzz Lightyear.**

**Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)** *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.*

1. God can do more with 90% than I can do with 100%.
2. Tithing is not a have to; it’s a get to.
3. We cannot give what doesn’t belong to us.

**-Which one is the first? The first one that leaves your hand.**

**-Where does the tithe go? We bring it into the storehouse.**