



ABUNDANT

LIFE CHURCH

SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE

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HIS HOUSE - WEEK 2

OPENING & PRAYER:

This series titled “His House” urges a renewed love and disciplined devotion to God's house. It calls congregations to take spiritual rhythms seriously: from daily family prayer, to weekly worship attendance, and serving regularly. Family prayer anchors faith at home. Weekly attendance becomes a nonnegotiable habit that protects families from cultural drift. Monthly service moves faith from consumerism to contribution. The teaching reframes financial participation as investment rather than mere giving, defining investment as an act that opens the way for God’s return while preserving a faith-first motive.

“Lord, thank you for the opportunity to lead in Your Kingdom. We ask for guidance as we step out in faith to lead those around us. Let us be a blessing to them and help guide them to you. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

SCRIPTURE:

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

Psalms 24:1

The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. **Haggai 2:8**

For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. **Psalms 50:10**

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' **Acts 20:35**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **Matthew 6:19-20**

For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. **Philippians 4:16-18**

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. **Philippians 4:19-20**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:21**

Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly. **1 Chronicles 29:9**

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. **Proverbs 3:9-10**

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." **Luke 6:38**

But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord." **Joshua 6:19**

But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. **Joshua 6:24**

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. **Malachi 3:8-9**

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, 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. **Malachi 3:10**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. **Matthew 25:14-15**

“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ **Matthew 25:24-25**

GO DEEPER:

Investment takes three practical forms: time, talent, and treasure. Time and talent shape daily faith and ministry participation. Treasure (tithes and offerings) serves as the visible expression of stewardship.

Several blessings follow faithful investment. Giving becomes an eternal investment that outlives earthly life. Investing also ushers in earthly provision, as biblical examples tie generous sowing to God supplying needs. Investment deepens intimacy with God because where treasure is placed, the heart follows. Deliberate investment cultivates attachment to kingdom work and aligns affections with divine priorities.

Generosity changes us inside and out. Giving with a willing, cheerful heart produces joy, not compulsion. Grudging or last-minute offerings nullify their fruitfulness. Cheerful, loyal giving unlocks spiritual and practical returns. The biblical pattern places tithes and consecrated resources into the house of God (the storehouse) so ministry, mercy, and mission can continue.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Invest time, talent, and treasure. Investing in the kingdom must include personal hours, God-given skills, and financial resources. Time and talent shape discipleship and enable sustained ministry, while treasure concretizes trust. When all three flow together, spiritual growth and community impact deepen beyond what any single contribution could accomplish. **[06:04]**

2. Own nothing; steward all things. Possessions function under divine ownership; humans act as stewards rather than ultimate owners. Adopting stewardship reorients decisions away from hoarding and toward kingdom purposes, calming greed and clarifying priorities. Stewardship frees generous action because nothing demands absolute possession—everything is maintained for God’s use. **[10:04]**

3. Giving cultivates intimacy with God. Where treasure is placed, affections follow—investment trains the heart toward God. Regular, willing giving produces attachment to God’s purposes and makes worship concrete rather than abstract. Financial faithfulness becomes a spiritual discipline that clarifies love and loyalty. **[21:30]**

4. Bring tithe into God’s storehouse. Tithing and offerings belong in the house of God so ministry and mercy continue. The tithe functions as first-fruits trust; bringing it to the storehouse opens the biblical invitation to test God’s provision. Sustaining local ministry preserves churches and advances gospel witness. **[32:56]**

LEARNING AND GROWING:

- 1.** What does the principle of "first fruits" mean in the context of giving, and what is the promised outcome of honoring God in this way?
- 2.** How can the act of giving, when done cheerfully and willingly, produce genuine joy in the giver, as opposed to feelings of compulsion or loss?
- 3.** Investing is a heart thing, not just a money thing. What is one area—time, talent, or treasure—where your heart is not fully aligned with God's priorities? What would it look like to take a practical step this week to invest in that area as an act of worship?
- 4.** The local church is called the "storehouse." How does your regular, faithful giving directly support the ministry, mercy, and mission work happening here? What is one specific ministry your giving supports that you are passionate about?

CLOSING PRAYER:

"Father, thank you for the opportunities to grow in our faith. Please lead our families to come together spiritually through prayer, church and serving together on a regular basis. Guide them to their purpose and ministry. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."