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TITHE AND GENEROSITY: A LIFESTYLE OF PRAISE AND COMPASSION

A REFLECTION BY FR JOSEPH
KIRUMIRA

We do not give to God because He lacks; we give because we have received. Every act of generosity is gratitude made visible, every tithe is worship made tangible, and every faithful steward bears witness that life itself is God's first and greatest gift."

Tithing is not merely a financial obligation but a profound theological act that expresses humanity's relationship with God. Throughout Scripture, giving is rooted in the recognition that life itself is God's gracious gift. Before there was a command to tithe, there was a Creator who freely gave existence, breath, purpose, and abundance. Thus, biblical giving begins not with law but with gratitude.

A biblical philosophy of tithing asks deeper questions than "How much should I give?" It asks, "Who owns my life?" "What is wealth for?" and "How should gratitude shape my stewardship?" Scripture consistently answers these questions by affirming that God is the rightful owner of all creation and humanity serves as His steward.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1)

Tithing and generosity are two timeless principles that reflect a heart devoted to God and committed to serving others. Throughout the Bible, believers are encouraged not only to honor God with their possessions but also to cultivate a

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THEME
"I will never forget you"
~ Isaiah 49:15

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SUNDAY
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1:00 PM

1:00PM
Main Mass

2:00PM
Luncheon to launch the
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FIRST READING

"You have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself."

**A reading from the book of 1 Kings
3:5, 7-12**

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.

I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

"Because you have asked for this not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for un-

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PARISH THEME: "JOURNEYING TOGETHER, UNITED IN LOVE"

derstanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (97a) Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

“God intended us to become true images of his Son.”

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. *This is the word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL

“He sells everything he owns and buys the field.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied,

“Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ESSOMOI

“Weesabidde amagezi.”

Bye tusoma mu kitabo ekisooka eky Bassekabaka. (3, 5. 7-12)

Mu nnaku ezo, Omukama n'alabikira Salomoni e Gibeyoni ekiro mu kirooto. Katonda n'agamba, nti: Saba ky'oyagala nkuwe. Salomon! n'addamu, nti: Kati nno Mukama, Katonda wange, ggwe ofudde omuddu wo kabaka, nsikire Daudi kita-nge. Naye ndi mwana muto, simanyi kufuga. Omuddu wo ali mu bantu bo be walonda, eggwa-nga eddene eritayinza kubalika yadde okuteebe-rezeka Wa omuddu wo omutima omutegeevu, ogwawula ekirungi n'ekibi: Ggwe kale, ani

ayinza okufuga eggwanga lyo lino ekkulu liti! Awo Ka tonda n'asanyuka okulaba, nti: Salomoni ekyo ky'asabye.

Omukama n'amugamba, nti: Nga bw'osabye kino, n'oteesabira kuwangaala oba bugagga, yadde obulamu bw'abalabe bo, naye ne weesabira amagezi ag'okulamula obulungi, kale awatali kulonza-lonza, nkuwa ky'osabye. Nkuwa omutima omugezi ate omutegeevu okusinga bonna abaakukulemba n'abalikuddirira. *Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.*

OKWEBUULIRIRA

EKIDDIBWAMU: Ayi Mukama nga njagala etteeka lyo!

ESSOMO II

“Yabateebeza okutwala omwana we olukoba.”

”Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikira ab'e Roma (8,28-30)

Ab'oluganda, tumanyi ng'abaagala Katonda byonna bibagenda bulungi, abo abayitibwa abatuukirivu nga bwe kyateesebwa. Anti bonna abo be yamanyika okuva mu masooka, okuva olwo ya-bateebeza okutwala omwana we olukoba, afuuke bw'atyo omuggulanda mu b'oluganda enkumu. Be yateebeza bw'atyo be bo be yayita, ate be yayita, be bo be yatukuza; ate be yatukuza be bo be yagulumiza.

Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera

EVANGIRI

Yatunda byonna bye yali alina, n'agula ennimiro eyo.

Ebigambo by'Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Matayo. (13,44-52)

spirit of cheerful giving. Together, tithing and generosity form the foundation of faithful stewardship, demonstrating trust in God, gratitude for His blessings, and love for humanity.

A tithe is traditionally understood as giving one-tenth of one's income or increase to God. The practice of tithing dates back to the Old Testament, where faithful servants such as Abraham and Jacob offered a tenth of their possessions to honor God. Later, under the Law of Moses, tithing became an important part of

Israel's worship, supporting the priests, the temple, and those in need. In Malachi 3:10, God invites His people to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, promising blessings for their obedience. While Christians today may differ in their understanding of how tithing is practiced, the principle remains clear: God deserves the first and best portion of what He has entrusted to us.

Generosity goes beyond the obligation of giving a specific percentage. It is an attitude of the heart that reflects God's own

character. God is the greatest giver, having given humanity life, countless blessings, and ultimately His Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world. As recipients of such immeasurable grace, believers are called to imitate God's generosity by willingly sharing their resources, time, talents, and love with others.

The New Testament places strong emphasis on cheerful and willing giving rather than reluctant or forced contributions. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul teaches that “God loves a cheerful giver.” This means that

genuine generosity flows from gratitude rather than obligation. It is motivated by compassion and faith, recognizing that every good gift comes from God and that He is able to provide for every need.

Tithing and generosity also demonstrate trust in God's provision. Giving requires faith because it means placing God's promises above personal fears of lack or insecurity. When believers give faithfully, they acknowledge that God is their ultimate provider. This trust often leads to spiritual growth, contentment, and freedom from the love of money. Rather than becoming attached to material wealth, generous people recognize that they are stewards, not owners, of the resources entrusted to them.

Generosity has a powerful impact on individuals and communities. Through generous giving, churches are able to support ministry, spread the Gospel, care for the poor, educate children, assist widows and orphans, and respond to emergencies. Acts of generosity strengthen relationships, promote unity, and bring hope to those experiencing hardship. In this way, giving becomes a practical expression of God's love in the world.

However, true generosity should never be motivated by the desire for recognition or personal gain. Jesus taught His followers to give humbly and sincerely, not to impress others but to please God. The value of a gift is measured not by its size but by the sacrifice, love, and faith with which it is given. Even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact when offered with a willing heart.

In today's world, where materialism and self-centeredness are common, the principles of tithing and generosity remain as relevant as ever. They remind believers that wealth is a tool for serving God and blessing others rather than merely satisfying personal desires. By faithfully giving to God's work and generously helping those in need, Christians become channels of God's grace and instruments of positive change in society.

Tithing and generosity are more than financial practices, they are acts of praise, expressions of gratitude, and demonstrations of faith. They reveal a heart that trusts God, values others, and seeks to advance His kingdom. When believers embrace both tithing and generosity as a way of life, they not only honor God but also experience the joy of giving and the fulfillment that comes from making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

- We have celebrated the 17th Sunday in Ordinary time year A. thank you for your active participation. Next Sunday is our tithe Sunday, we are encouraged to take our tithe envelopes and enclose in our tithe and bring them back for our second collection.
- We congratulate our children who received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist yesterday, and we that all parents for your cooperation and assistance. We request parents to continue helping the children to continue growing spiritually.
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus devotees will have their devotional prayers, confessions and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 7th August 2026 starting at 5pm. You are all encouraged to come and attend.
- We shall have our Adult Catechesis on Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 6pm. The theme for the day will be "More Connected, less Human; rediscovering human dignity in the age of Artificial Intelligence" by Fr. Paul Nsubuga.
- This month's theme is inspired by Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas. Please come and attend and invite a friend.
- We shall have baptism of infants on 9th August 2026 during the 1pm Mass. Parents please register your children with the office.
- The Magnificat Charismatic Community invites all People of God who desire to deepen their Fellowship with the Holy Spirit, discover and use their Spiritual Gifts, to attend Life in the Spirit Seminars. The program starts tomorrow Monday 27th July at 5:30pm here at Church, and will run every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for 4 weeks. Come and be transformed by the Father's Love.
- The Youth For Christ - I4U of Ntinda Parish have organized a mid-year pilgrimage to Kiwamirembe on Monday, 24th August 2026, for all youth aged 13 to 19 years, under the theme "Surrender & Recharge in Christ." Registration is UGX 20,000 per child. The deadline is Wednesday 19th August 2026. Find us at the tent after Mass to register your child or call 0768495300 for more information

MARRIAGE BANS

- **Asiimwe Paul** of Buwate son of Deogratius Nzarwa Katono and Kebirungi Sidona Katono of Kasangati Town Council wishes to marry **Nabimanya Lynn** of Buwate daughter of Katamba Andrew and Nuwemuto Patience of Rukungiri
- **Raphael Okia Omagino** of Naalya son of Dr. Omagino.o.o. John and Late Angella Fellistis Acadi Omagino of Manyangwa Close. Gayaza Wakiso wishes to marry **Alakut Karen** of Oderai B daughter of Oede James and Aukoi Dianh Loyce of Soroti
- **Kafuruka Thomas** of Kibingo A son of Byarugaba Augustine and Leokadia Byarugaba Katinda of Ibaare wishes to marry **Kugumis-iriza Chloris** of Bukoto daughter of
- **Deus Muntu** Mukyenga of Kololo son of Gerald Mukwaya Mukyenga and Patricia Mukyenga of 12 Mackenzie Vale, kololo wishes to marry **Maryanne Nduku** of Westland-nairobi daughter of and Angela Kanini Munyao of Nairobi
- **Kato Anthony** of Kyanja son of Edward Ssenaburya and Namusoke of Luwero wishes to marry Atukunda Catherine of Kisaasi daughter of
- Robert Bujara Mugisha and Prisca Ahumuza Mugisha of Kisaasi
- **Atwine Jimmy** of Tororo son of Ndyamuhaki Nestole and Owomuhangi Daria of Rukungiri wishes to marry **Ankunda Prossy** of Mugamba daughter of Sarapio Betambira and Kamwebaze Dinnah of Rukungiri
- **Mutyaba Ivan** of Kyoga son of Late Mukibi Joseph and Ndagire Catherine Mulondo of Kyoga ,wakiso wishes to marry **Nakyomu Dama-lie** of Ssaza daughter of Late Charles Muyira and Babirye Florence of Mukono

13 - 19 July 2026

Tithe	5,092,000.00
Sunday Offertory	8,565,600.00
Week Day Offertory	4,880,800.00
Sunday 2nd Collection	5,974,000.00
Fundraisings	20,000.00
Marriage Stole Fees	730,000.00
Baptism Stole Fees	60,000.00
Catechism Stole Fees	290,000.00
Thanksgiving	805,000.00
Donations	975,500.00
Scroll Sales	188,000.00
Joint Choir	10,000.00
Uganda Martyrs	1,000,000.00
Divine Mercy	40,000.00
Ssekiriba kya taka	30,000.00
St. Kizito	113,000.00
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~ 1 Peter 4:10 RSV-CE



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144 infants baptised
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4 Seminarians are being supported
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TITHES & SPECIAL OFFERINGS SUNDAY
Sunday, 2 August 2026

Let us prayerfully prepare to bring our tithes
and offerings to the House of the Lord.

Happy Feast Day to Our Elderly!
Honouring Saints Joachim & Anne

"Thank you for honoring God with your giving and building His Kingdom with us."

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