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God Gives Pastors

Before we get started here this morning I would just like to say that this particular teaching is not a teaching that we could have taught early on during the founding of our ministry here at Holy Impact Ministries. Early on when we founded Holy Impact Ministries we did so on a shoestring budget. We put everything we had into the ministry. My wife and I live paycheck to paycheck just as many of you do, and if I miss a day's work due to illness... Things can go south very quickly. Each and every penny has a place, and there is a place for each and every penny. As a brother within the body of our Messiah... I have my own testimony, and my own reasons for doing what I do, and I can tell you that with each passing day our father in heaven blesses us, and the work that we are all doing through this ministry.

We have seen people healed, we have helped to save marriages, we have lifted up the weak, and we have bound ourselves together with the lonely and the depressed, and the isolated. We have planted home churches around the world, we have planted ministries both on and off line, we have grown exponentially, we have preached the truth of God's word throughout all of the nations through the means that he has given us. We have helped through the hand of our Father and his only begotten son to expanded his coming kingdom. We have made him known to those who did not know him. We have turned many away from the wisdom of men, and brought them back to the wisdom of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Together... we have done all of these things through the power, and the mercy, and the grace of our Father and his only begotten Son Yahshua Hamashiach

At the onset of this ministry there was no one around us who was willing to help. We felt as many of you feel today... As though we were on an island all alone. We worked hard to build our own website, and to create our own graphics, and to purchase our own computers, and screens, and we worked hard to purchase our own hard drives, and microphones, and we paid for the server space, and the email addresses, and chat rooms, and the marketing, and we spent countless hours slaving away creating hundreds if not thousands of pages of manuscripts and PDF files, and charts and graphs, and we spent hundreds if not thousands of dollars on learning materials, and books, and we've studied for days, weeks, and months at a time, not only combing through the Scriptures... But also combing through the historical documentation that gives us insight on how our father's hand has moved throughout history and the prophecies that have already come to pass before our very eyes.

And in the beginning, all of this fell upon our shoulders, and there was no one in sight to help

us. But we continued on, and there were weeks that we ate only baloney sandwiches and hot dogs and beans... And yet we stayed thankful for those blessings... and we continued to walk in faith.

We continued to pray that our father in heaven would cause the ears of his people to be opened. And we never expected that Holy Impact Ministries would ever become a very large ministry, because we know that it is written that many are called but only few are chosen, and that straight is the gate and narrow is the path but few there would be that would find it... And yet people began to come. Brothers and sisters that we did not know that we ever had, began to come. And before we knew it, brothers and sisters that we did not know that we ever had, started asking how they could help. And it wasn't long before someone contacted us on our Facebook page and wanted to know how they could donate, how they could help, and what they could do to support what we were doing. And after a long expensive and lonely journey, our Father in heaven began to bind us together with some of the most faithful, God fearing, Messiah believing brothers and sisters upon the earth.

Over the past year and a half or so we have been able to do things at Holy Impact Ministries through the hand of our father that has astonished even us. And it is through the hand of our father in heaven that this ministry continues to thrive and to move forward to this very day. We now have brothers and sisters who make sure that this ministry continues to move forward. And the ministry that started out as our own, has now become... not our own. It is clearly more than fair to say that Holy Impact Ministries is a ministry that our brothers and sisters have built because of their obedience to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. My wife and I supported this ministry with every extra penny that we had in the beginning. And even though we still eat bologna sandwiches and hot dogs and beans from time to time... We no longer are tasked with supporting this ministry alone. We now have brothers and sisters who will no longer allow us to support this ministry alone. We now have brothers and sisters who will no longer allow us to feel like we are on an island by ourselves. We now have brothers and sisters who will no longer allow this ministry to be stifled. And we now have brothers and sisters who we love more than life itself.

But the fight to get the word out still remains. And the cost of expanding a ministry still remains. The larger a ministry becomes... The more it costs monetarily, to keep it going. Money is not something that we like to talk about in our teachings, however it is part of Scripture, and we cannot ignore the fact that every ministry needs money to survive. Back in the days of Abraham and Moses their monetary system was much different than our monetary system today. Back in the days of Abraham and Moses they used livestock and produce to purchase what they needed and to tithe with. Today few of us are blessed with livestock and produce that we can use to purchase things with. Instead we use silver and copper coins and dollar bills to purchase what we need, and to help our brothers and sisters who are in need, and to support the people who support us, and our father's word going forth.

As our ministry grows, so does our responsibility. To whom much is given, much is expected.

With the foundation of new churches being planted all over the world in places that are very dangerous for a Christian to live... We now have a responsibility, not only to continue to spread the truth of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... But also, to help these ministries around the world who are less fortunate than we are. As a ministry we have a responsibility to send Bibles, and to send paper and pens, and food, and clothing, and things that our brothers and sisters around the world need to survive. Let's turn to the book of James 2:14-17:

Jas 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

Jas 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

Jas 2:17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

My point in all of this my friends is that this ministry needs your help now more than ever. As a pastor, I continue to work a secular job in order to pay my bills. As a pastor I work between 40 and 50 hours a week just to keep a roof over the heads of my family and food on the table, and to keep this ministry moving forward. On top of that 40 to 50 hours a week that I put in at my secular job... I study, and I teach, and I preach, and I author between 20 and 30 pages of downloadable manuscripts every week of what I teach and preach so that even people who do not have a computer can be given the truth of God's word for free by anyone who may be listening. I spend countless hours sifting through email boxes with thousands of questions and requests. I keep the website updated, the prayer list updated, the videos and graphic work, the bills and the taxes all in order. And I do these things with joy in my heart, not to brag, or to try to earn anything... But because by doing these things, our father in heaven blesses my heart in knowing that I am helping to expand his coming kingdom. I have become a servant to my brothers and sisters around the world... and it pleases me in my heart to do so.

A month or so ago I wound up becoming so fatigued that I came down with arterial fibrillation, which means that your heart stops beating normally. The heart no longer has a rhythm. It beats here and there as it chooses to. Arterial fibrillation is caused by an electronic problem within the heart, and is often times caused by stress and fatigue. And so, it was at that time that I began to take off some time from my secular job so that I could donate more time to the ministry. I have tried very hard to back down from working 5 10-hour days, to only working 4 10-hour days at my secular job, and since I have done this... Our father in heaven has blessed me greatly. I have had no more problems with arterial fibrillation, and although stress and fatigue always seem to be knocking at my door... Because of your prayers, and our father's hand, I have been able to do the job that our father has called me to do.

It has been through the donations and the offerings that our brothers and sisters freely give to this ministry... That have allowed me to back down from 50 hours a week to only 40 hours a week at my secular job. And it is these brothers and sisters that give freely to this ministry that have become a hedge of protection over this ministry. And I have no words to thank these

brothers and sisters who continue to help support what we're doing here at Holy Impact Ministries. I cannot thank you enough for helping us to purchase the graphics software, and the video software, and the Fellowship software, and providing us with the computers that we need, and the equipment upgrades that we need. I cannot thank you enough for being a hedge of protection over us. And I say these things so that you may know that our Father's hand is indeed upon this ministry. We have been through ups and downs, we have been through months when we had no way to pay the bills that we needed to pay, and yet... At the darkest hour someone by the grace of God would send in a donation in the nick of time, and we would be restored.

I wish that we had the time for me to go through each and every one of the miracles that we have seen as we have struggled to keep this ministry afloat. I wish that there was a way for me to convey to you the fear that my heart was struck with, when I thought that my time was up, and that this ministry was over. And I wish there was a way for me to convey to you the joy and the peace that our father has put in my heart after seeing the prayers and support of our brothers and sisters who would not allow these things to happen.

You know we often talk about why our father in heaven gives us profits, and evangelists, and pastors and teachers, and we often talk about the fact that each and every one of us pastors someone. Each and every one of us teaches someone. If not with our tongues... With our actions and the way that we live, and in the way that we serve. And yet it is written in the Scriptures that not all are teachers. And not all are evangelists, or profits. But there are those of us whom he has gifted with different gifts, and we'll get into that a little bit here today as we move forward...but before we do... I just want to say... That if you believe that you are being called to preach, and to teach, and to pastor... do not take this calling lightly, because I tell you the truth my friends... It is no small task. Prepare yourself, and be sure that you are well grounded in the truth of our father's word, and that you are prepared to lay it all down for him... Because if you're not... You will indeed fail miserably.

Our adversary is extremely wise, and extremely educated, and extremely powerful, and he will use whatever is within his means to stop you. And so, it is that we need to pray for those who have come forth to preach, and to teach, and to give, and to humble themselves before the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And I do certainly do pray for these, because we need them, and so does the world.

And so, as we move forward here this morning, I'd like to talk a little bit about the topic of tithing. More specifically, I'd like to get into the topic of tithing 10% of your income to any pastor, priest, Bishop, or popish leader, or denominational charter of men. We at Holy Impact Ministries do not believe that everyone is commanded to give 10% of their income to this, or any other ministry according to what we find in the Scripture. The 10% tithe that is commanded in the Torah, was commanded for the Levitical priesthood, because our father in heaven had set them apart from all of the other tribes, and they were not given land or material things as the other tribes were. And so, it was that our father in heaven commanded the house of Israel to give 10th of their income to the Levites because they were the chosen priests of the one true God

of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and because they depended on that income for their livelihood.

When we hear the apostle Paul standing up for the rights of pastors, and those of us who have been tasked with teaching... He does not invoke a 10% tithing mandate found anywhere in the New Testament Scripture. The apostle Paul does say however... that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel, in 1st Corinthians 9:14... And we'll get into that as we move forward, but nowhere does the apostle Paul ever tell us that we are commanded to give 10% of our income to a pastor, priest, Bishop, or popish leader, or any denominational charter of men.

Now we will not get into the mechanics of the 10% tithe here today, but what we will get into is the scriptural fact that we are to support those who proclaim the gospel. This support can come in many different ways. This support can come through monetary donations and offerings... But it can also come through prayer, or even sending material things that are needed to support those who proclaim the gospel. And so, this is what I want to touch on here today. If God does indeed give us Pastors (also known as teachers), and profits, and evangelists, ... Then it should also be understood that our father in heaven would make a way for these pastures, prophets, and evangelists to be able to support themselves and the ministries that they have been given. So, the first question is... Does God truly give us profits, evangelists, and pastors? Well before we answer that question, I want to take us to a Scripture that often times confuses many of our brothers and sisters concerning those who are indeed profits, evangelists, shepherds and teachers. Let's turn to Matthew 23:8-12:

Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

When many of our brothers and sisters read this Scripture, they're often times led to believe that there are no profits, evangelists, shepherds or teachers. But we should know better than that because the apostles clearly tell us that our Father gives us, evangelists, shepherds and teachers for the building up of the ministry. And in fact, we are told by our own Messiah that the gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations right before the end comes. Let's read Matthew chapter 24:14:

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

And so, if the one who endures to the end will be saved... And if the gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations... There obviously has to be prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers to spread that gospel of the kingdom throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations before the end can come.

And Paul clearly tells us that our father in heaven gave us prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers so that we can all attain the unity of the faith in the knowledge of the son of God. Let's read Ephesians 4:11-16:

Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Eph 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

And so, we can clearly see that prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers are given to equip the saints for the work of ministry. Now the work of ministry includes all kinds of things, and we'll see that here in just a moment... But the job of the prophet, the evangelists, and the shepherds and teachers are to bring us together in faith and the knowledge of the only begotten son of God so that we may no longer be tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness and deceitful schemes.

So, what was our Messiah talking about in Matthew chapter 23 versus 8 through 12? He was simply telling us not to be called Rabbi. Why? Because the Hebrew definition of Rabbi means "Great One". None of us is greater than the other. Just because you're called to be a teacher, does not mean that you're greater than all of your brothers and sisters. In Matthew chapter 23 verse 10 our Messiah tells us not to be called instructors, for you have one instructor the Messiah. Clearly an instructor is someone that instructs you. Our Messiah through his Ruach Hakodesh instructs us as to how to navigate, and how to apply the gospel to our lives. There is a difference between our spiritual instructor, and an earthly instructor, just like there is a difference between our spiritual Father, and our earthly fathers. Teaching, and explaining the gospel is one thing... but the gospel message clearly tells us that we ought to follow our Messiah and do as he did, and it is our Messiah himself who instructs us in how to walk out that teaching, and how to make decisions that we all face throughout our lifetime here on this earth, and he ends by saying the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be lifted up. And so, our Messiah was not taking away from those who are called to teach and preach the gospel message... But he was taking away from those who want you to call them your spiritual "father", and those who want

to place themselves high and above their brothers and sisters and want to control them by proclaiming themselves to be the ultimate instructors concerning the things of our Father in Heaven.

We must remember that the gospel belongs to our Messiah, and it is he and he alone that gives the discernment to understand his gospel. Just because you hear the gospel being taught, does not mean that you're going to understand it. In order to understand the gospel, you need a spiritual instructor. Just as our father in heaven is our true spiritual Father. Our Messiah was in no way saying that you cannot call your earthly father your father. He wasn't talking about an earthly father. Our Messiah was talking about our spiritual father, just like our spiritual instructor. In other words... no man here on earth can claim to be... God... or the only begotten Son of God. You may have an earthly teacher, or shepherd, or a prophet that is helping to guide you here on earth, and helping you to understand what our father in heaven expects from us... But he is not your ultimate instructor... and he does not have the last word concerning the gospel... only our Messiah has that kind of authority. You see there is a difference between an earthly father whose loins you were birthed from...and your spiritual Father just like there is a difference between an earthly guide and our kingly spiritual instructor.. Our Messiah rules and reigns supreme high and far above any earthly teacher or prophet, or shepherd that may be here on earth. We must remember what the apostle Paul tells us in Galatians chapter 1 verse eight. He says and I quote "but even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preach to you... let him be accursed." Once again, we see the supreme rule of the heavenly father and our heavenly spiritual instructor being invoked high and far above any Angel or mortal man. Let's turn to Romans 10:12-15:

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

Rom 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Rom 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Rom 10:15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

So now that we know that our Father in Heaven does indeed send teachers, and pastors, and prophets, and evangelist... the next question then becomes are we all teachers? The answer to that question is both yes and no. As parents we are taught to teach our children diligently the things of our father in heaven. But not everyone is called to be a prophet, or a teacher of the gospel to the nations. Let's read first Corinthians 12:28-31:

NOT ALL ARE TEACHERS (PASTORS)

1Co 12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

*1Co 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?
1Co 12:30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
1Co 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

What Paul is trying to tell the church at Corinth, is that none of us has all of the gifts of the Spirit. We are each given the gifts of the spirit, as the spirit sees fit to give each one of us. Let's turn to first Corinthians 12:7-12:

1 Co 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

*1Co 12:8 For to one is given through the Spirit **the utterance of wisdom**, and to another the **utterance of knowledge** according to the same Spirit,*

*1Co 12:9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by the one Spirit,*

*1Co 12:10 to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **the ability to distinguish between spirits**, to another **various kinds of tongues**, to another **the interpretation of tongues**.*

*1Co 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one **individually as he wills**.*

1Co 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

And so once again we clearly see that the spirit apportions to each one of us individually... as he wills. And for anyone who might be out there still stuck in the deception created by men, that claims that you must speak in tongues in order to be saved... Once again... I would simply turn you right back to the Scripture found in first Corinthians chapter 12 verse 10. Not everyone is tasked with speaking in various kinds of tongues. Some are given this gift just like other gifts, and some are not. This has nothing... and I repeat "nothing" to do with your salvation.

In first Corinthians chapter 12 verse nine it says that one of these gifts is faith. But I would submit to you my friends that there are different levels of faith, and there are different kinds of faith. I may have faith that our Messiah is who he says that he is... But I may also have faith in what he has called me to do. I may have faith that my brother indeed is my brother. I may have faith in the abilities that God has given me, and so on and so forth. But clearly what the apostle Paul is telling us here is that not everyone has all of the gifts of the Ruach Hakodesh. We are each given a gift or a set of gifts individually as the spirit wills, and we need to be clear on that scriptural fact.

Now concerning our obligation to give to those who preach and teach the truth of God's word, I would also like to turn our direction to what the apostle Paul clearly told the church at Corinth. The apostle Paul was adamant about the fact that the congregation, did indeed have the obligation to support those who were chosen to be prophets, evangelists, Shepherds and teachers. Let's listen to what the apostle Paul had to say to the church at Corinth in first Corinthians 9:1-19:

1Co 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord?

1Co 9:2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

1Co 9:3 This is my defense to those who would examine me.

1Co 9:4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink?

1Co 9:5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

1Co 9:6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?

1Co 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

1Co 9:8 Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same?

1Co 9:9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned?

1Co 9:10 Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop.

1Co 9:11 If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

1Co 9:12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

1Co 9:13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?

1Co 9:14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

1Co 9:15 But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

1Co 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

1Co 9:17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

1Co 9:18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

1Co 9:19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

And so clearly Paul stands for the right of those who are called to be prophets, and evangelists, and pastors and teachers to be supported by those who accept what those profits, evangelists, pastors and teachers are preaching. And I want us to understand what the apostle Paul says in first Corinthians chapter 9:14 when he says (and I quote) "those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel." And I want us to understand that there are those brothers and sisters out there who will proclaim that Paul worked for a living and did not accept anything

from the churches. This my friends is an error in their understanding. Paul did indeed take what he needed from the churches to support himself. But Paul did not take from the assemblies who were poor, or from those assemblies that he felt that he might damage by taking from them. Notice what the apostle Paul says in second Corinthians 11:8-9:

PAUL TOOK WHAT HE NEEDED FROM THE CHURCHES WHEN NEEDED:

2Co 11:8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you.

2Co 11:9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way.

So, Paul did indeed accept the support of some assemblies, but he did not accept the support from every assembly. You see Paul was wise enough to know who to expect support from, and who not to expect support from. And that's why we often say here at Holy Impact Ministries that if you have nothing to give monetarily... Please... simply pray. Because our father in heaven knows who has the ability to give monetarily and who does not. And we do not want to be a burden to anyone who cannot give. If you have nothing monetarily to give to help the ministry grow... we simply ask that you pray that the ministry does grow, and our father in heaven will make sure that it does, and we are all witnesses of that fact. Let's read a little bit more concerning the fact that the apostle Paul did indeed receive donations and offerings from certain assemblies. Let's turn to Philippians 4:15-20:

Php 4:15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

Php 4:16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

Php 4:17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

Php 4:18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

Php 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Php 4:20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

And so, I bring these things to our attention, so that we are not confused about our obligation to support a ministry that is truly preaching and teaching the truth of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son. There are many people who have come out of modern-day Christianity, and its many deceptions... And they wrongly believe that they are not obligated to support any ministry because of the lies that they have been caught up in... and I understand how someone could come to this conclusion because of all of the false doctrines that are floating around out in the world today. But we must understand that we will not only be judged for the things that we do... But we will also be judged for the things that we do not do. If we had for instance...the opportunity to stop abortion from going forth with a simple vote... And yet we refuse to vote... We will be judged for that. And if we have the opportunity to expand our father's kingdom by supporting a ministry that is speaking the truth... And we do

not support that ministry... We will also be judged for that as well. And once again I just want to reiterate the fact that there are all kinds of ways of supporting a ministry. Prayer being one of them. Even though we are not commanded to give a certain percentage of our income to support any profit, evangelist, pastor or teacher... That does not mean that we should altogether stop giving, and cause the gospel of our Messiah to be stifled.

Here's what the apostle Paul said in his letter to Timothy. We can find that in first Timothy 5:17-18:

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

1Ti 5:18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

So how then are we to give? What is the standard for giving? Let's turn to second Corinthians 9:6-7:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

This should be our measuring stick when giving, and not only in giving to the ministry... But also in giving to the poor, and to the crippled, and to the widow, and to the blind. Let's also turn to Luke 6:38:

Luk 6:38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

In the end my friends our father in heaven loves a cheerful giver. There is much to know about the 10% tithe, and we actually have a video concerning the 10% tithe at our website at holyimpactministries.com and we also have another teaching concerning the 10% tithe coming up in the next month or so from our brother Matthew Noble, and we will keep you informed about when that will be so that you can participate in that study as well because I am sure that this will be a teaching that will help expand all of our understandings concerning the 10% tithe and who it was intended for, as well as the other various types of tithes that we have been commanded to keep.

But before we go I just want to say one more time... Thank you to all of our brothers and sisters who have supported this ministry over the past year. The end of the year is drawing near, and as always, we have many financial obligations that need to be met by the first of this year. And we like to pay for these financial obligations upfront because it costs a lot less when we do so. If we pay by the month... It costs more... But if we can muster up enough to pay these obligations upfront at the beginning of the year, it costs us a lot less to stay afloat throughout the year. And I

also want to mention this before I close.

My wife and I have never prayed to be rich. I drive a 1997 Dodge van. My wife drives a 10-year-old Jeep that was given to her by our daughter who is a pediatrician. We live in a house that is probably close to 100 years old, and in neighborhood full of houses just the same. And we are happy, and we are content, and we have no aspirations of building a monolithic brick-and-mortar structure, or a cathedral. And so, we just want you to know that your donations and offerings will not be spent fruitlessly. We are trying desperately to rent a building so that we can have a larger studio, and storage unit so that we can produce more content, and have more fellowships, and more teachings that we can offer for free, and so that we can have a storehouse to keep Bibles, food, and clothes that we can send to our brothers and sisters in Africa who need our help. As most of you already know... We do not sell the word of God at Holy Impact Ministries in order to make money. Everything that we do to preach and to teach the truth of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son are given freely, and it is because of our brothers and sisters who stand with us... that these things remain free of charge. And it is because of our brothers and sisters that stand with us that new churches are springing up around the world in places like Tanzania and Kenya who are now choosing to come out of the trappings and deceptions of Catholicism and to turn back towards the truth of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son Yahshua Hamashiach.

We will also be starting a “Go Fundme” page that we hope will also assist us in expanding this ministry so that we will be able to send Bibles, paper, food, and clothing, and what is necessary to these new churches that are being raised up in Africa to preach and teach the truth of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We need to bringing in enough to help us with the rent of this new building that we will need to expand, and the desks, computers, monitors, microphones, lights, hard drives, and extra high-speed internet access that we will need to produce the content that we so desperately need to get out to people without charge. And so, we simply ask... that you would keep these things in your prayers, and to allow our Father in Heaven to move freely in all of our lives, as we continue to march toward the goal at hand, and to contend for the faith.