

## **Sowing and Reaping Stewardship & Tithes and Offering**

1. Tithes and Offering
  - a. We all have a part in tithes and offering
  - b. It requires Stewardship (the principle that works in sowing and reaping)
  
2. John 12:37-50
  - a. Though not expressly stated, stewardship is an underlying theme.
  - b. Stewards must be faithful...and faithfulness will require sacrifice, endurance, and patience (otherwise what is faithfulness when there is no challenge to staying the course).
  - c. So good stewardship will require navigating real temptations.
  - d. This is a real temptation. The care of what others think
  - e. If this is your weakness, the enemy will use this against you to keep you from what is right.
  
3. How this impacts you in Tithes and Offerings.
  - a. Stewardship will fail unless you overcome this weakness.
  - b. Stewardship will have challenges. Believe this.
  - c. Discipline is required.
  
4. There is a remedy to this weakness.
  - a. Nehemiah 8:10
  - b. The remedy is the joy of the Lord.
  - c. Make the joy of the Lord your strength.
  
5. Make the joy of the Lord your strength. How so?
  - a. Galatians 6:6-10 (remember sowing and reaping is a principle that should work in your heart when it comes to giving)
  - b. Keep your eye on what you will reap.

- i. This is renewing your mind.
  - ii. Do not be deceived. It requires discipline to renew your mind!
- c. The point is not to please God in order to get as much in return (this would be debt and not grace), but to render unto God for what He has destined you for!
  - i. Psalm 116:12