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Trusting the Lord Through Tithes and Offerings

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Words to remember

- *“My wife often teaches a principle that has become very meaningful in our family: We keep the commandments because we love God, not merely because we hope to receive the blessings that come from obedience.”*
- *“I testify that the law of tithing is a law of faith. As we obey it, we demonstrate our trust in the Lord and allow Him to work miracles in our lives, often in ways we do not expect.”*

In Elder Patricio M. Giuffra's own words, from the talk.

Before he was baptized, Elder Patricio M. Giuffra was taught about tithes and offerings by the missionaries. Afterward, with money from summer jobs, he paid a full tithing and fast offerings, but he didn't yet understand the promises connected to that law. That came on his mission, when he had the chance to teach it.

Serving in the Chile Osorno Mission, he and his companion taught a woman about 70 years old who lived with her son, a Church member. She couldn't read and had trouble remembering, so they taught every lesson twice. When they taught tithing, she said sadly, “Elder Giuffra, I clean houses and wash clothes for several families. What I earn is barely enough to pay the rent for the room where we live, buy a small amount of firewood to keep us warm, and provide some food.” She didn't think she could ever pay tithing. The missionaries were deeply moved. From a worldly view, she made sense.

The next morning Elder Giuffra called his mission president for advice, wondering if the Lord might make an exception. The president read him the story of the widow's mite, where a poor widow gave two small coins, all she had, and Jesus said she gave more than everyone else. Then he said, “Elder Giuffra, you are no one to deny this sister the blessings of the law of tithing. There are no exceptions to this commandment.” Elder Giuffra said those words became engraved upon my heart.

He and his companion fasted and prayed before returning two days later. When they reviewed tithing again, she said, “Last night I knelt in prayer and told Heavenly Father that I truly wanted to become a member of His Church and that He would need to help me live this law.” A deep feeling of peace filled the missionaries. They knew the Lord had heard her prayers and theirs. She was baptized the next Saturday. Later her bishop told Elder Giuffra that she came every week with her tithing envelope, and on the first Sunday of each month, she brought her fast offering too.

Throughout his life, Elder Giuffra has seen many blessings come to his family as they paid tithes and offerings, some temporal and some spiritual, all showing that the Lord always fulfills his promises. His wife teaches their family, “We keep the commandments because we love God, not merely because we hope to receive the blessings that come from obedience.” Commandments draw us closer to the Savior and protect us. Obeying doesn’t mean we’ll have no trials, but the Lord knows our circumstances, honors our obedience, and fulfills his promises in his own time and way.

President Russell M. Nelson taught that tithing can break cycles of poverty that pass from generation to generation. In Central America, Elder Giuffra has seen families who once worried about their next meal now have greater stability, and people who once couldn’t afford shoes now run successful businesses through faith and hard work. He has seen the Lord open doors for jobs and education, strengthen marriages, and fill hearts with peace. President Dallin H. Oaks taught that tithing shows we accept the law of sacrifice and prepares us for higher laws.

Elder Giuffra quoted Malachi: “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” He testified that the law of tithing is a law of faith. When we obey it, we show trust in the Lord and let Him work miracles, often in ways we don’t expect.

Scripture to look up: Malachi 3:10. The Lord invites us to prove Him through tithing and promises to open the windows of heaven.

Let’s talk about it

What did this talk teach us about the Savior? What is one small thing our family can do this week?

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