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Trusting the Lord Through Tithes and Offerings

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Words to remember

- *“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.”*

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

Before Elder Patricio M. Giuffra was baptized, missionaries taught him about tithing. Tithing means giving one tenth of the money we earn to the Lord. If you earn ten coins, one coin is for tithing. After he was baptized, he paid tithing and fast offerings with money from his summer jobs.

Later, Elder Giuffra served a mission in Chile. He and his companion taught a woman who was about 70 years old. She could not read, so they taught each lesson two times.

When they taught her about tithing, she felt very sad. She told them she cleaned houses and washed clothes for other families. She only earned enough money for a small room, some firewood to stay warm, and a little food. She said she did not think she could ever pay tithing.

Elder Giuffra felt sad too. He wondered if the Lord would make an exception for her. He called his mission president. The mission president read him the Bible story of the poor widow who gave two small coins, everything she had, to the Lord. He said there are no exceptions to this commandment. He said they should not keep this sister from the blessings of tithing.

So Elder Giuffra and his companion fasted and prayed for her. When they went back, the woman 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.” The missionaries felt peace. They knew Heavenly Father heard her prayers and theirs. She was

baptized the next Saturday. Her bishop said she brought her tithing every week and her fast offering every month!

Elder Giuffra said his family has been blessed many times for paying tithing. Some blessings are things we can see, and some are blessings we feel inside. 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.” We don’t obey just to get blessings.

He said paying tithing does not mean we will never have hard times. But the Lord knows us and keeps His promises in His own time and way. In Central America, Elder Giuffra has seen families who were once poor now have more of what they need. He has seen the Lord help people find jobs and get an education.

In the Bible, the Lord promised that when we pay tithing, He will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing. Elder Giuffra said tithing shows that we trust the Lord.

A scripture for this talk: Malachi 3:10. The Lord promises to open the windows of heaven when we pay tithing.

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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