# V. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO GIVE AT LEAST A TITHE OF YOUR POSSESSIONS TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD." Leviticus 27:30

"8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 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." Malachi 3:8-10

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matthew 23:23

# GOOD TO GREAT

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

A. Do you want to move from Good to Great? Imagine what could happen if you could Think Greater, Gather Greater, Give Greater and Serve Greater in order to live life to the fullest! Don't just settle for "Good" when God has called you to be "Great"!

> "49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these." John 1:49-50

**B.** In this series, you will be challenged to not just have a good life, but rather live it to the greatest potential.

Sept 9	Greater Thinking	
Sep 16	Greater Gathering	
TODAY	Greater Giving	
Sept 30	Greater Serving	
The word "great" is used		_ times in the Bible.

C. Text: Matthew 19:16-22 (Pew Bible/Page 21/New Test.)

\_\_\_\_\_ is a great giver and He wants His children to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

# "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;"

Ephesians 5:1

# God Has Greater Works For You To Do!!

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and <u>greater works than these shall he do</u>; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12

### HOW TO GIVE GREATER

### I. GOD \_\_\_\_\_\_ ALL THE POSSESSIONS

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts." Haggai 2:8

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:" Colossians 1:16

# II. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU SOME OF HIS POSSESSIONS TO MANAGE

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father...."* James 1:17a

"But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,...." Deuteronomy 8:18a

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Corinthians 4:2

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." I Timothy 6:10

# III. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR MANAGEMENT OF HIS POSSESSIONS

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Corinthians 5:10 "16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21

IV. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO GIVE FROM THE FIRST PART OF YOUR POSSESSIONS

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

*"9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,"

Proverbs 3:9-10a

"The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God." Exodus 23:19a & 34:26a

"I Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I Corinthians 16:1-2