| He gave liberally. He was greatly interested in the distribution of Testaments, Gospels and religious literature. Mr. Kerr was able to bless others because he believed that God would honor His promise to pour out His blessings today upon those who would accurately and carefully tithe — to set aside one-tenth of their possessions, salary or income for the Lord's work. | ImpactChurch Church That Makes A Difference Matters of the Heart – Part 6 – Honor and Blessing? Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7, 2024 | | | |
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| | Luke 16:13 (NKJV) "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." | | | |
| | "Money is a powerful servant but a terrible master." - Francis Bacon | | | |
| Why I should avoid putting trust in money | 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV) "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." | | | |
| Proverbs 23:4-5 (NIV) "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle." | "Mammon promises us those things that only God can give—security, significance, identity, independence, power, and freedom. Mammon tells us it can insulate us from life's problems and that money is the answer to every situation." ~Jimmy Evans | | | |
| Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV) "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless." | Haggai 1:5-7 (NKJV) V5. Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways! V7. Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways! | | | |
| Luke 12:15 (NIV) "Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."" | God owns everything . We are His managers . | | | |
| Mark 4:19 (NIV) "But the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful." | 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. | | | |
| James 5:1-3 (NIV) "Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days." | 400+ years before the law was given Genesis 14:18 (NKJV) Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. | | | |
| Proverbs 11:28 (NIV) "Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf." | Genesis 14:19 (NKJV) And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; Genesis 14:20 (NKJV) And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he (Abraham) gave him a tithe of all. | | | |
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Psalm 110:4 (NKJV)

The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews 7:1 (NIV84)

This **Melchizedek was king of Salem** and **priest of God Most High**. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and **blessed him**,

Hebrews 7:2 (NIV84)

and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means "king of right-eousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace."

Hebrews 7:3 (NIV84)

Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.

Genesis 15:1 (AMP)

AFTER THESE things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your **Shield**, your **abundant compensation**, and your **reward** shall be **exceedingly great**.

Hebrews 7:11 (NIV84)

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 8:6 (NIV84)

But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which

he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.

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Circumstances Cannot Break God's Promises

Alexander H. Kerr was converted under the ministry of Dwight L. Moody at the age of fourteen and joined the Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia. In 1902 Mr. Kerr read the book entitled, "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright," by Bishop Allen. In his

book Bishop Allen referred to the vow Jacob made in Genesis 28, where we find the following words, "Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

Twenty years later this same Jacob returned to his home with servants and cattle in great abundance. He thus became one of the rich men of the East as a result of keeping his covenant of tithing with the Lord God.

With some doubts, but with a sincere desire to test if the Bible is true, to prove without a shadow of doubt that there is a personal God and that His promises are from everlasting to everlasting, and that they are intended for people of this day, **Mr. Kerr, on June 1, 1902, made a special covenant to set aside a certain percentage of his income for the work of the Lord.**

At that time he had a mortgage on his little home, owed many obligations, and was burdened with cares and worries especially of a financial nature. However, he was determined to prove God as did Jacob (Prov. 3:9-10; Lev. 27:30-32; Gen. 14:20, 13:2; especially Mal. 3:7-18). Mr. Kerr often remarked that if modern-day skeptics wanted proof that there is a God, and that the Bible is His Holy Word and all its promises are true, all that is necessary is to tithe for one year, and God will prove to them without doubt that He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

Within three months after Mr. Kerr began to tithe, unexpected and unforeseen blessings came to him – so much so that it seemed to him that God had thus opened his eyes to behold His love and His faithfulness to His promises, especially made in regard to tithing or giving one-tenth.

"According to Your Faith Be It unto You" Matthew 9:29

That same year Mr. Kerr, with a very small capital but with strong faith in God's tithing promises contained in Malachi 3:10-12, organized the firm known as the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company which eventually became one of the largest firms selling fruit jars in the United States. The jars were manufactured for him in San Francisco.

At the time of the San Francisco earthquake (1906) this firm was manufacturing his fruit jars. Mr. Kerr had put practically every cent he had in the world into this fruit jar enterprise and then came the earthquake! His friends came to him and said, "Kerr, you are a ruined man." He replied, "I don't believe it.... I know God will not go back on His promises."

He wired to San Francisco, and received the following reply: "Your factory is in the heart of the fire, and undoubtedly is destroyed. The heat is so intense we will be unable to find out anything for some days."

What a time of testing this was! But his faith in the Lord never wavered. He believed Malachi 3:11: "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." He stood on this promise unmoved. About a week after the earthquake and fire, a second telegram arrived saying: "Everything for a mile and a half on all sides of the factory burned; but your factory was miraculously saved."

Mr. Kerr immediately boarded a train for San Francisco. This factory was a two-story wooden building containing the huge tanks where the glass was melted. These tanks were kept at extremely high temperatures. Oil was used for fuel, and therefore this building was the most inflammable in San Francisco. The fire had raged on all sides of this glass factory, creeping up to the wooden fence surrounding the building and even scorching it. Then the flames and fire leaped around and over and beyond the building, burning everything in its path. However, not even the wooden fence was burned, nor the building, and not a single glass jar was cracked by earthquake or fire.

This was nothing short of a miracle of God's divine power in protecting this man who held his faith that God's promises made to those who tithe would never be broken by any circumstances! God's Word cannot return to Him void (Isa. 55:8-11).

Three weeks before his death he addressed the members of the First Baptist Church of Riverside, California, on the blessings and riches of tithing possessions, income and increase. Every business in which he had interests tithed. His returns were so great that he created a Tithing Fund and had it incorporated. His tithing gifts went around the world, for he was deeply interested in missions at home and abroad