



# Developing A Giving Heart

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2 Corinthians 8:7

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## **2 Corinthians 8:7**

**<sup>7</sup> But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (NIV)**



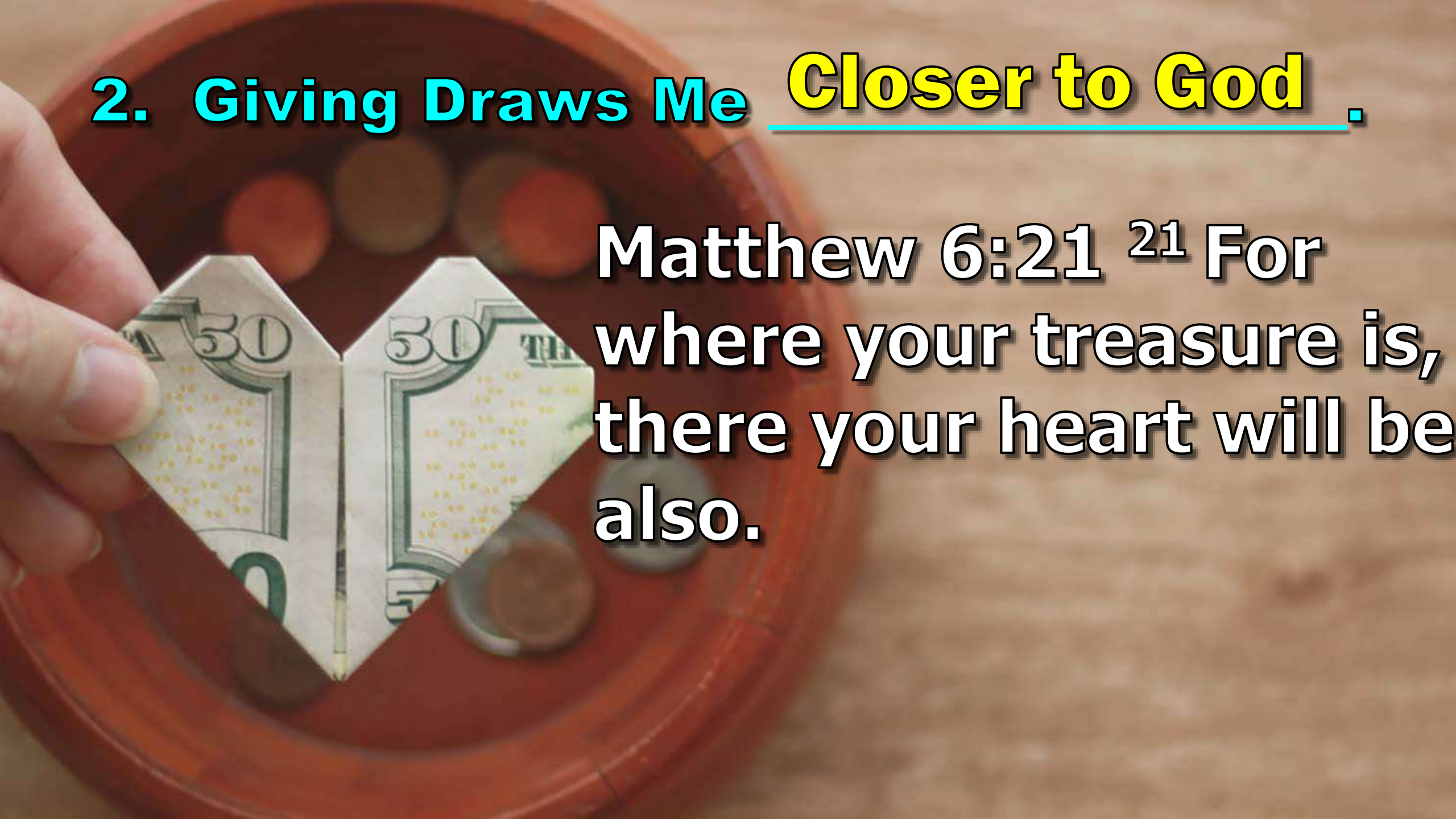
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# **1. Giving Makes Me Like God.**

**John 3:16 <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)**

## 2. Giving Draws Me Closer to God .

Matthew 6:21 <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

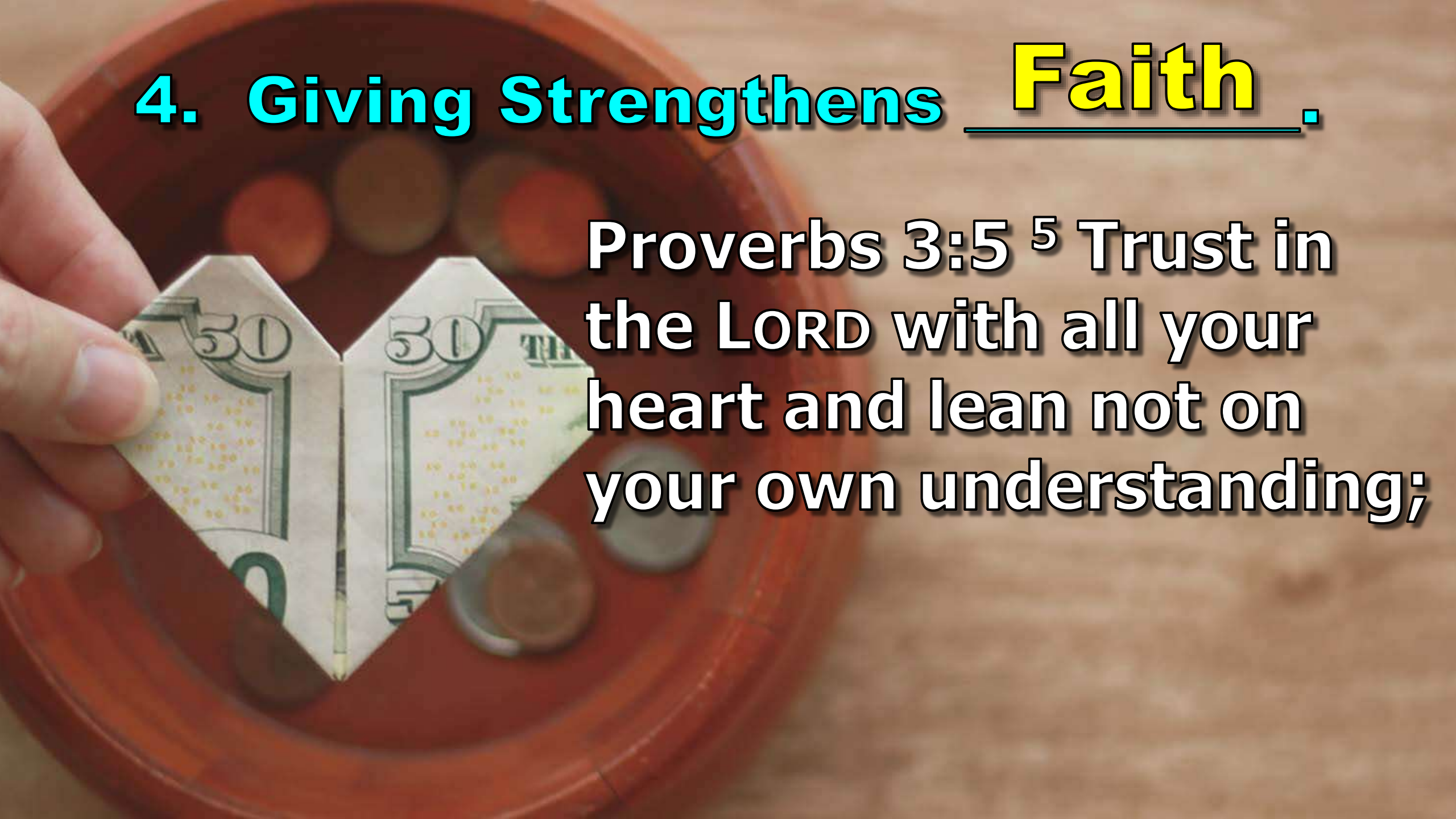


### **3. Giving Is The Antidote To Materialism**

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** <sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## 4. Giving Strengthens Faith.

**Proverbs 3:5 <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;**



A hand is holding a folded US dollar bill, showing the number '30' on both sides, over a red piggy bank. The piggy bank is open, revealing several coins inside. The background is a textured, light brown surface.

## Proverbs 3:9

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with  
your wealth, with the  
first-fruits of all your  
crops;

## **Luke 6:38**

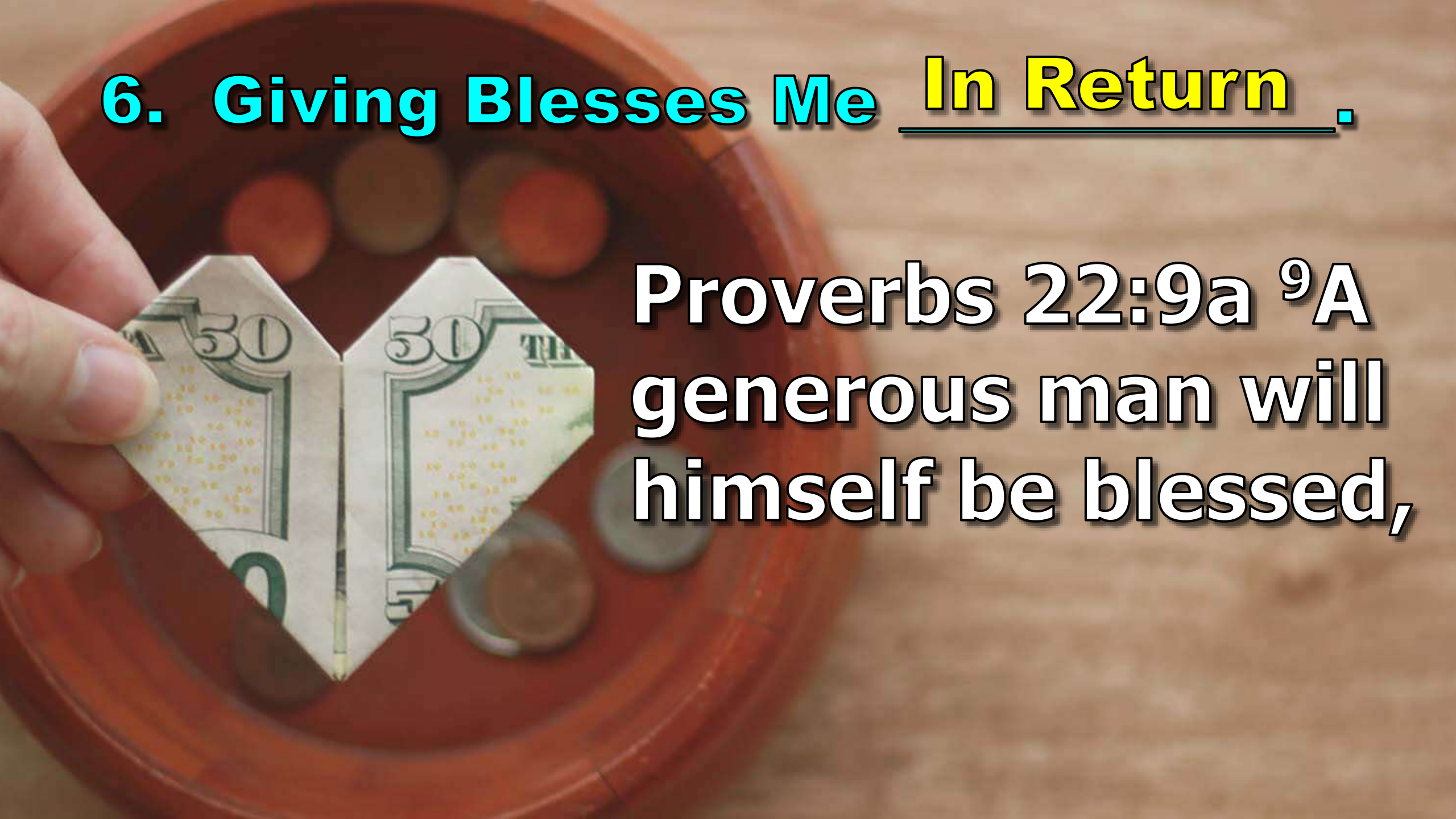
**<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."**

## **5. Giving Is An Investment In Eternity.**

**1 Timothy 6:18-19 <sup>18</sup>Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. <sup>19</sup>By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. (TLB)**

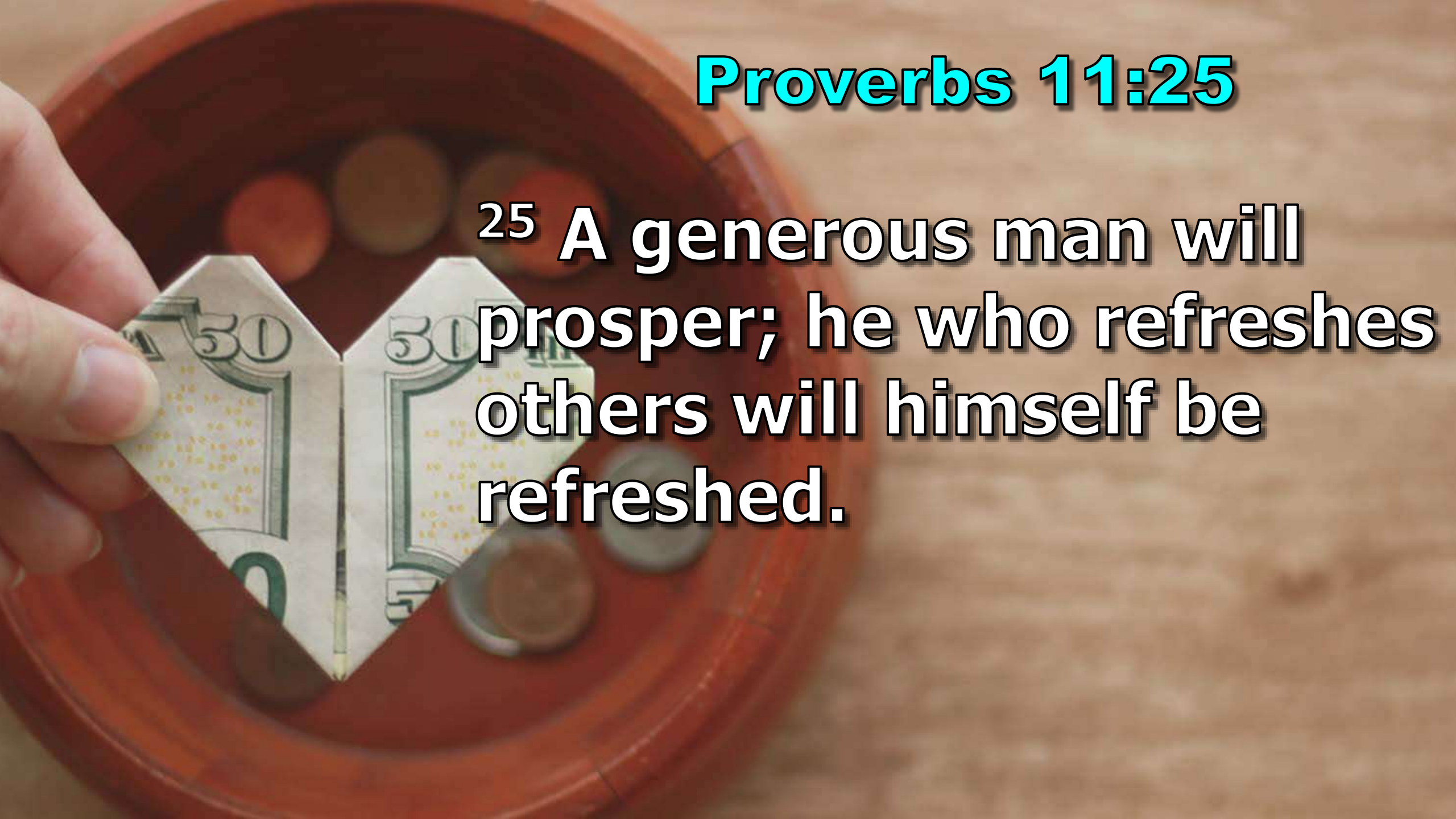
## 6. Giving Blesses Me In Return.

**Proverbs 22:9a <sup>9</sup>A  
generous man will  
himself be blessed,**



## Proverbs 11:25

<sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.



## **Psalm 112:5a**

**<sup>5</sup> Good will come to  
him who is generous.**



## **7. Giving Makes Me Happy .**

**Acts 20:35 <sup>35</sup> In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'** "

# ***What The Bible Teaches About Tithing***

**What Is Tithing?**

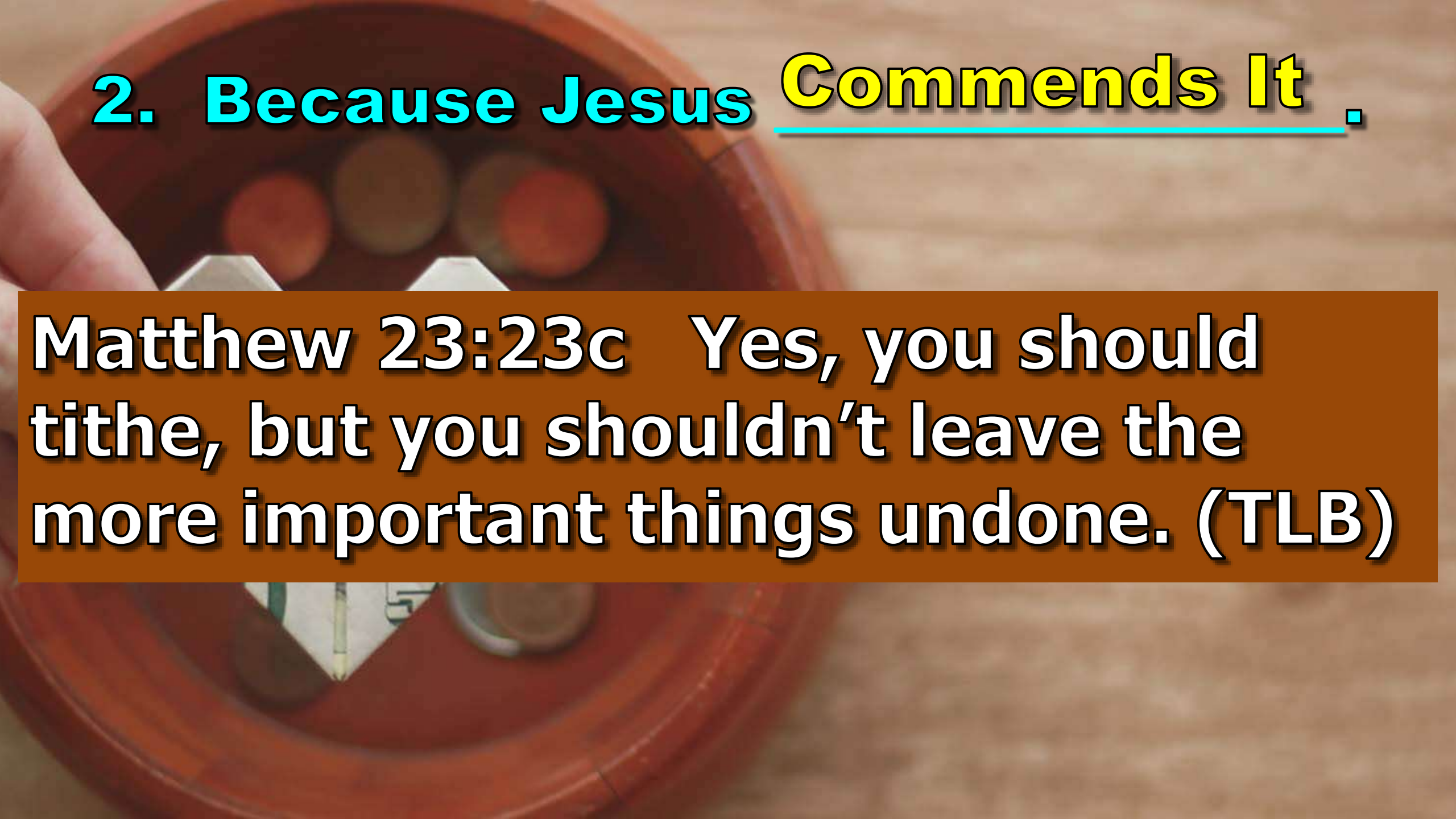
- Tithe means a **Tenth** part

# ***What Is The Difference Between A "Tithe" And An "Offering"?***

- A "tithe" is giving **First 10%** of my income.
- An "offering" is anything I give **In Addition to** my tithe.

# 1. Because God Commands It.

**Leviticus 27:30** <sup>30</sup> "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

A hand is holding a red circular object, possibly a coin or a small container, which features a white cross in the center. A small coin is visible inside the red object. The background is a textured, light brown surface.

## 2. Because Jesus Commends It.

**Matthew 23:23c Yes, you should tithe, but you shouldn't leave the more important things undone. (TLB)**

A close-up photograph of a hand dropping several coins into a red plastic tithing box. The box has a circular opening on top. The background is a textured, light brown surface.

### **3. Tithing Demonstrates That God Has 1<sup>st</sup> Place In My Life .**

**Deuteronomy 14:23b The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (TLB)**

**4. Tithing reminds me that Everything I Have was given to me by God!**

**Deuteronomy 8:18 <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (NIV)**

## **5. Tithing expresses my Love to The Lord.**

**Psalm 116:12 <sup>12</sup> How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?**

**Deuteronomy 16:17 <sup>17</sup> Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.**

## **6. God says that refusing to tithe is Stealing from Him!**

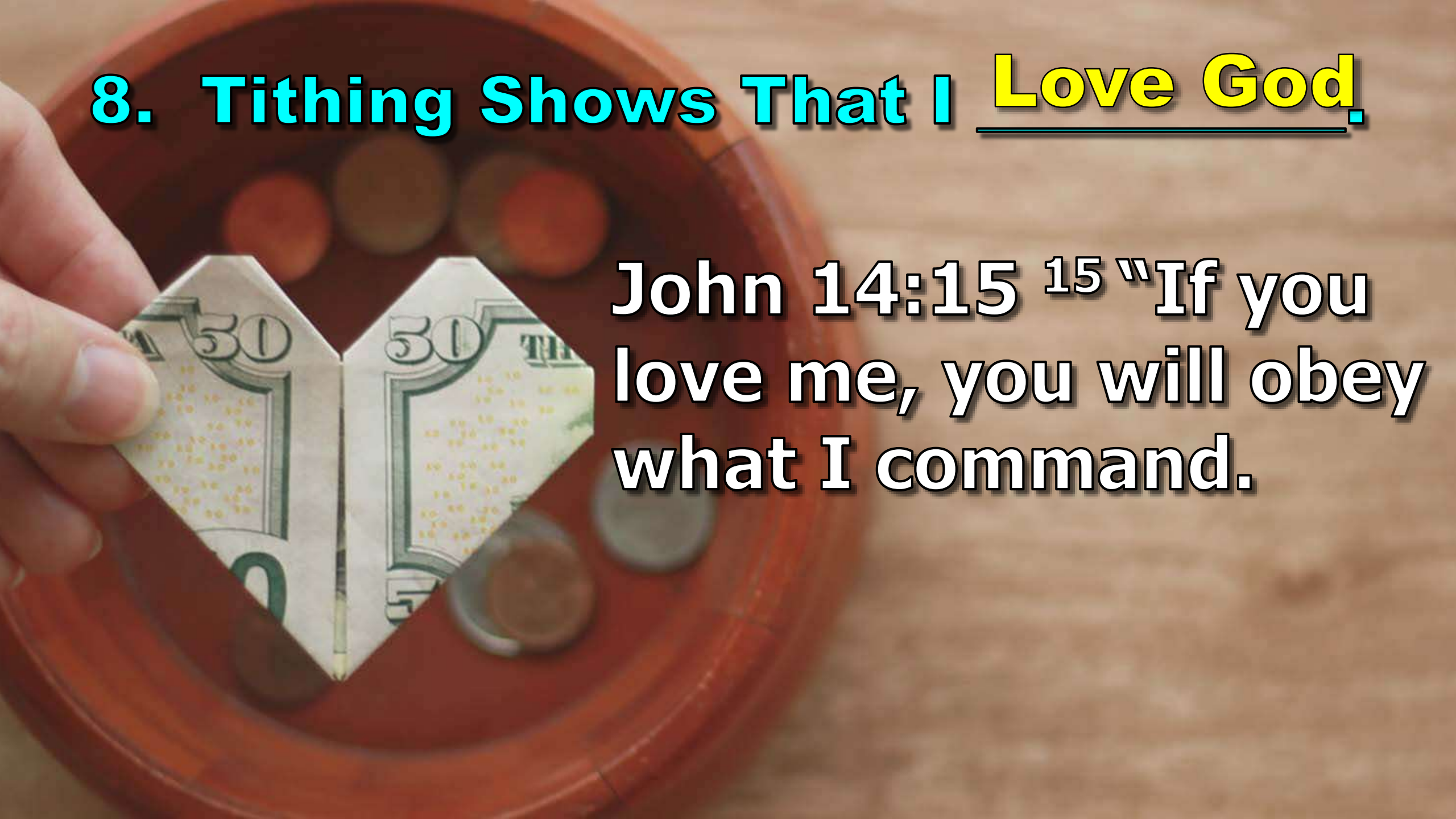
**Malachi 3:8-10a <sup>8</sup> “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. (NIV)**

**7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove Exists and wants to bless you!**

**Malachi 3:10-11 <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. <sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. (NIV)**

## 8. Tithing Shows That I Love God.

John 14:15 <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will obey what I command.



## ***The Key:***

**2 Corinthians 8:5 <sup>5</sup> And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.**



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