

# Garden >>> City

August 7, 2022

**Genesis 14:17-20** "Abraham presents a tenth to the priest Melchizedek" This is the first mention in the Bible of tithing. (Gen. 28:20-22, Lev. 27:30-34, Num. 18:21, Num. 18:26, 2 Chron. 31:4-5, Neh. 10:35-37, Mal. 3:8-9)

Is God interested in the amount of 10% or what it *represents*?

**Genesis 4:3-7** "...Cain presented some of his crop as a gift to the Lord. Abel also brought a gift..."

Since the beginning of humanity we have struggled with wanting to *keep* for ourselves the *best*. Tithing our **first** begins to teach us to break that fallen nature of selfishness. Don't give God your leftovers.

God doesn't want a certain portion.  
He wants our **hearts!**

*"Tithing isn't a law. It's an unchanging principle, instituted by an unchanging God." - Robert Morris (The Blessed Life)*

**Revelation 2:1-7 - message to the church in Ephesus**  
**(NLT)** "...But I have this complaint against you. You *don't love me* or each other as you did at first."  
**(ESV)** "You have *abandoned the love* you had at first..."

**Matthew 6:19-33** "Don't store up treasures here on earth... you cannot serve both God and money..."

**1 Timothy 6:10** "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith..."

*In what ways have we let money or resource replace our love for Jesus and others?*

*How is Jesus calling you to return to your first love?*

**READ TOGETHER IN 2022** Read with our NTC Family It is not too late to start! Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan for 2022. **Or pick up a paper copy of the plan in the lobby!**

**WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET** **Stop by for refreshments!** Stop by the welcome room after the service to receive a welcome gift and chat with members of one of our house churches.

**ARE YOU ON A TEAM?** **We need team members for Elementary** Our kids classes are at capacity and we need more volunteers to keep receiving kids on Sundays. See Charity Murtaugh or visit the checkin desk.

*this week...*

**RIVER FLOAT** **Today at noon in Winthrop** Our Marriage Matters team is hosting a river-float on Sunday, July 31st, at noon in Winthrop. Bring something to BBQ, a dish to pass, something to float on, and lawn chairs and look forward to connecting with others!

**CROSS CURRENT** **6pm Tonight** 7th-12th graders gather weekly to worship together, hear a message for them, and have fun together!

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY** **Friday at 9am** Pray for our nation together.

**MEN'S PRAYER** **Saturday at 8am** Gather with other men every Saturday.

**LOVE OGDENSBURG** **August 13th** Noon to 3pm at the Dobisky Center in Ogdensburg!

*coming up....*

**CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP** **August 15th-19th** Our teens are headed back to Cape Cod this summer! Register your teens today on the website or through the ChurchCenter App.

**LOVE MALONE** **August 20th** 11am to 3pm at the West Street Park in Malone.

**CAMPFIRE WORSHIP NIGHT** **August 26th at 7pm** Join us out back on this Friday night to worship together around the campfire. Of course we will have S'mores!

**NTC FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT** **September 16th in Saranac Lake** Join us on this Friday night at 6pm at High Peaks Church for a prayer night as we commemorate the McCulley's leading there for the last ten years and look forward to the construction of their new worship space!