

# Genesis The story begins

### <u>Genesis 14:20-24</u>

### **Abram and Finances**



"Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything."

-Genesis 14:20



"Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people."



#### Precursor to Levitical Law

"I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the Tent of Meeting."

-Numbers 18:21



#### Promise Tied to Tithe

"Bring the whole tithe in to the storehouse, that there may be food in my house,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven..." -Malachi 3:10

# Tithe Today?

### •Wisdom, not a Command

### "You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone." -Luke 11:42



# Tithe Today?

#### •Honors God

### "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." -Proverbs 3:9



# Tithe Today?

#### Protects Heart and Mind

### "You cannot serve both God and money." -Matthew 6:24



# Abram's Financial Plan

"I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath that I will accept nothing belonging to you, . . . so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.""

-Genesis 14:22-23



## Abram's Financial Plan

- Entrusted Financial Well-Being to God
- •Taking God's Promises to Heart



# Financial Planning Today?

•We Are In Same Place As Abram

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

-Matthew 6:33



## **Questions For Us**

Are You Honoring God With Your Wealth?What Choices Are In Front of You?

