CONCLUSION

Concerning Faith, one can quote the preoccupation of the LORD JESUS: « When the Son of man comes, will HE find faith on earth? »(Luke 18:8b).

And the Bible is categorical; this period is situated in the period of « The end of time »; period where in different parts, the Bible tells us of the growing of evil that will characterize it.

The Bible also tell us that this period is a period where the love (for the LORD) of a great number of believers will cool down and many will simple abandon HIM because of their love of this present age (the pleasures of the world).

The Bible also says during this period, false doctors and false doctrines will abound; and that many who call themselves children of **GOD** and servants of **GOD** will deny Him by their works, having the APPEARANCE of piety. (Matthew 24:11-13; 1Timothy 4:1-3; 1Timothy 6: 6-10; 2Timothy 3:1-8; 2Peter 2:1-3, 13-19; Titus 1:10-16).

In the midst of this wicked and corrupt generation; where men replace the Word of GOD with their reasoning and their thought and where so-call christians defend more and more their religions, their denominations, and their religious system instead of defending the Word of GOD, will you personnally like to engage yourself to follow and serve the LORD JESUS-CHRIST by an AUDACIOUS FAITH now? If it is your desire to do so, shout to the LORD addressing him this prayer: « LORD JESUS, from now on I want to live for you and only for you and I also want to submit myself to you and I am also ready to do your will in all things no matter what it might cost me. And I want to be amongst those who serves YOU with an AUDACIOUS FAITH in the midst of this wicked and corrupt generation. Thanks for listening, for answering and especially to sustain me in my decision. AMEN! »

If you are really sincere in your engagement, be ready to face your first ordeals and certainly in the days that follows, persecutions. But also be certain that the good hand of GOD will be on you to sustain you as it is written: « For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward HIM » (2Chronicles 16:9).

And especially you should always remember that one who engages himself on the path of **AUDACIOUS FAITH** does not care of **a what will others say** and he or she does not care to know if what **GOD** is asking him to do pleases those who surrounds him. What matters is doing the will of **GOD** and stop only at what is written in the Bible even if everyone (is not in accordance) or do not agree. He or she does not equally yield to blackmail, threat and intimidation).

I also invite you to meditate seriously these words of the LORD JESUS: « If any one comes to ME and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple » (Luke 14:26).

Do not hesitate to contact us for every spiritual need, we will be glad to pray for you. May the Grace and victory of our **LORD JESUS** be with you. Amen!

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In many religious milieux, most often they talk about FAITH when there are certain need, which is not a sin. And, at times people are being encouraged to desire things and use « faith »(GOD) to have them, which is somehow dangerous.

As for me **AUDACIOUS FAITH** is such Faith in **GOD** that is manifested with a certain boldness even at one's risk.

In this wicked and corrupt world where everything is rationalize and where close to everything is being centralize on Man and his technological exploits, it is such **FAITH** that **GOD** would like all those who are his should manifest.

One of the first daring or bold believer in the Bible was **ABRAHAM**. Not surprising therefore that he should be call **« The father of Faith ».**

The Bible defines Faith as « the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen » (Hebrews 11:1).

And as the Bible tells us that **« Faith apart from works is dead » (James 2:26)**, we are going to consider <u>certain persons</u> in the Bible who distinguish themselves in an exceptional way by their **AUDACIOUS FAITH.**

1- ABRAHAM

It really needed ABRAHM a Bold Faith for him to abandon his country and people to go to a place that he didn't know, simple by **OBEDIANCE** to the **LORD** (**Genesis 12:1-4**; **Hebrews 11:8**).

It also needed him an Adacious Faith for him to be able to accept to offer as sacrfice Issac, his only successor that he had at his old age. The Bible adds that he had a high degree of Faith such that, he believed **GOD** was Almighty even to raise from the dead his son (**Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17-19**).

2- MOSES

Moses though an Israelite, was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and having grown in the house of the former, he was finally considered as the son of pharaoh. And what is interesting in this story is that he was well place to succeed pharaoh. But it need him such **BOLD FAITH** for him to refuse that position of honour and authority with all its advantages and privileges that one can imagine.

Having known that he was an Israelite he choose to join his brothers in the position of slave rather than to enjoy and profit of his position as a prince and a potential futur pharaoh of Egypt. It is an AUDACIOUS FAITH that forces respect (Acts 7:20-29; Hebrews 11:24-27).

The Bible tells us that by **FAITH**, he knew the **GOD** of Israel, even though invisible (unseen) was the only true **GOD**, and Almighty. And he choose to live a life that will glorify **HIM** « **than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin** ».

3- GIDEON

It needed Gideon an **ADACIOUS FAITH** for him to have courage to obey **GOD**, that is to pull down and destroy the Asherah, the idolatrous altar of his father and build at the place an altar to the LORD. What few people can do today. (**Judges 6:25-32**).

4- NOAH

In the Midst of a wicke and corrupt people, an at a time when crime, violence and evil was at it apex, it really needed Noah an AUDACIOUS FAITH inorder that not only he sould remain just and blameless before GOD, but also to have « Blind » confidence in the LORD by building in accordance to the order of the LORD the ark, that was going to help him and his family as a shelter when GOD was to destroy the earth with the flood (Genesis 6; 7; 8 and 9:1-7) and it is important to note that it is through him and his family that the earth was refilled.

5- DAVID

It needed David an **AUDACIOUS FAITH** for him to believe that he will be a great king in Israel chosen by the **LORD**.

Meanwhile he was already anointed as King in the place of Saul, David spend most part of his life runing away from Saul the fallen King who will engage inchasing him through Montains and caves ...inorder to kill him eventhough David had, had many opportunities to kill him (Saul) but have spared him. (1Samuel 15:1-29; 1Samuel 16:1-13; 1Samuel 19:20-21; 1Samuel 22; 23; 24; 26).

David could have Said to himsef: « I have been anointed King in the place of Saul, and GOD has even said I am a man after his heart, why is it that after being anointed, instead of me to go and take my place in the royal palace, I spend my time runnig away like a common fugitive from Saul who has decided to take away my life as far as he is alife. I do not believe in this anointing ». Instead to think so, he was able to bear or endure all the ordeals and sufferings which followed his anointing, certainly because of his Audacious Faith in GOD (1Samuel 30:1-6). And finally he experienced all the promises of GOD in his life.

The final result was that David became the great king and the ancestor of JESUS-CHRIST that we all know (2Samuel 2:1-7; 2Samuel 5:1-5; 2Chronicles 29:26-28).

6- JOSEPH

It needed Joseph an AUDACIOUS FAITH in order for him to resist the seduction and advances of his master's wife, especially when they were alone in the house and the woman told him openly what she wanted « lie with him »(Genesis 39:1-20). Listen to what the Bible says: He refused and said to this master's wife ... how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against GOD?" and « although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie with her or to be with her » (Genesis 39:7-10).

Since AUDACIOUS FAITH is never without risk, his resistance because of his fear of GOD caused his imprisonment. His Master's wife unsucessful in her adventure, revenged by accusing him of wanting to rape her and the result was that his master placed him in prison. But even in prison the LORD was with him (Genesis 39:19-23).

7- DANIEL AND HIS COMPANIONS

It needed **SHADRACH**, **MESHACH**, **and ABED-NEGO** an **AUDACIOUS FAITH** in order to challenge the king of Babylone Nebuchadnezzar by refusing to bow before the golden image that he made and before which everyone had to bow at a given signal; and who ever refused to obey was to be thrown in a burning fiery furnace.

And even face to face with the king, they said they won't worship the image even at the expense of their lifes; this refusal to obey simple meant: accepting to be thrown in the burning fiery furnace without any assurance of delivrance.

And the **LORD GOD** whom they wanted to honour -For the law of the **LORD** says: « you shall not make for yourself a graven image... You shall not bow down to them...» (Exodus 20:4-6).-HE delievered them by protecting them from the flamme. But before arriving at that stage, they demonstrated in a practical way the **AUDACIOUS FAITH** that animated them.

It is also important to note that SCHADRAC, MESCHACK and ABED-NEGO their real names being HANANIAH, MISHAEL, and AZARIAH respectively were over the affairs of the province of Babylon. An envious social position which was enough to corrupt them but their AUDACIOUS FAITH made them to look down on such privileges, what a good example! Daniel 1:3-7; Daniel 3:1-30.

And this is the result of an AUDACIOUS FAITH that was manifested by SHADRACH,

« And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the King's counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their mantles were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. Nebuchadnezzar said, blessed be the GOD of SHADRACH, MESCHACH, and ABED-NEGO who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set at naught the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own GOD.

Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the GOD of SHADRACH, MESHACH and ABED-NEGO shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way. Then the king promoted SHADRACH, MESHACH and ABED-NEGO in the province of Babylon » (Daniel 3:27-30).

It also needed an **Audacious Faith** for **DANIEL** not to be frighten and intimidated by a decree that came from a plot. This decree said that no person in all the territory of Babylon should say a prayer what so ever to any god or man except the king for thirty days, and who ever overstepped this measure was to be thrown in the den of lions.

DANIEL who had the habit of praying three times daily continued to pray despite the decree. Consequently he was thrown in the den of lions, but the **GOD** in whom he had put his confidence, delivered him from the lions' mouths, for the lions did not harm him(**Daniel 6:1-23**).

« The king...Came near to the den where DANIEL was, he cried out ... O Daniel, servant of the living GOD, has your GOD whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions? And Daniel said to the king ... My GOD sent his angel and shut the lions mouths, and they have not hurt me, ... Then the king commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den ...No kind of hurt was found upon him because he had trusted in his GOD. And the king commanded and those men who had accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions they their children and their wives and before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Then king darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and languages that dwell in all the earth. Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion men tremble and fear before the GOD of Daniel, for he is the living GOD, enduring for ever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of cyrus the persian » (Daniel 6:18-28).

8- APOSTLE PAUL

An experienced pharisees that he was, devout to his religion of façade, roman citizen, and doctor of law with all the privileges that one can image during that period, it needed Apostle Paul an AUDACIOUS FAITH for him to abandon all that and place his all by Faith in the LORD JESUS-CHRIST. He himself declare: «...for his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse: in order that I may gain CHRIST» (Philipians 3:8). He was always ready to die because of his Faith in the LORD JESUS-CHRIST, and no matter the torture and imprisonments, he did not give up his Faith in the LORD JESUS (Philippians 1:12-14; Actes 20:24). And he also declare « Be my imitators as I am of CHRIST» (1Corinthians 11:1).

9- THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

It needed the first christians an Audacious Faith to stand firm, no matter the opposition, persecutions, rejection and even for some of them to die as MARTYRS (Acts 4:1-31; Acts 5:17 -29; Hebrews 11:36-40).

I have precise from the beginning that we were to be interested only in certain persons in the Bible simply because of lack of space.

GOD IS NOT A BEGGAR

At times we behave as if GOD is a beggar, as if he was begging us to take what is ours, or better still as if he was trying to « force » us to give him our goods. It is also for such reasons that one can not give with joy as the LORD want us to do.

We ought to know once and for all that not only **GOD** doesn't owe men anything, He is also the proprietor and creator of everything (<u>Psalm 50:7-12</u>). Thus everything that we have, he is the one who has given to us (<u>1Corithians 4:7</u>; <u>1Chronicles 29:10-14</u>).

At times when **GOD** asks us to give for His work and to the needy around us it is to see the length at which we can or can't attach ourselves to the temporal goods he gives us. And when we are ready to give with joy and in a substantial way, we now give the opportunity to **GOD** to continue to shower us with his multiple blessings, because at that moment, **GOD** considers us as a good channel through which he will provide the needs of many and the advancement of his work (**2Corinthians 9:6**).

CONCLUSION

To conclude I will like to make a remark to the absolute of tithe.

Some people, inorder to defend tithe say it cannot be abolished because it existed even before the promulgation of the law. And most often make allusion to ABRAHAM who paid tithe to Mechizedek. But I do not know if they are vigilant enough to remark certain things:

1- ABRAHAM gave the tithe or thenth of the plunder and this he gave to the LORD JESUS and not to a man(Heb.7:1-4).
2-ABRAHAM dit not give the tithe inorder to be bless or to run away from a curse; for he was already a wealthy man(Gen.13:1-2).
3-GOD remain silent after ABRAHAM had given the tithe of all to Melchizedek the priest of GOD, he did not promise anything in paticular to ABRAHAM (Genesis 14:17-24). On the other hand GOD promised infinite Blessings to ABRAHAM when according to GOD's demand for him (Abraham) to sacrifice Isaac, his only son who represented HIS ALL, he did.(Genesis 22:1-18).

Isaac was the only son of ABRAHAM on whom rested the fulfillment of many promises made to him (<u>Genesis 15:1-4</u>; <u>Genesis 17:15-19</u>). Isaac was also his only successor, in spite of that ABRAHAM had the courage and Faith to offer him as a sacrifice to <u>GOD</u> in accordance to his demande.

It is therefore not suprising that face to such consecration, **GOD** should be ready to pour infinite blessings on him. What are these blessings?

« And the angel of the LORD called to ABRAHAM a second time from heaven and said, by Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not with held your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed My voice »(Genesis 22:15-18).

We have to know once and for all that **GOD** is ready to bless in an infinite way he or she who gives him not his or her tithe nor his or her one tenth but **ALL**.

Be ready to give « <u>Your ALL</u> » to the LORD JESUS and you shall be blessed. AMEN! Consecrate yourself body, soul and spirit to the LORD JESUS and be ready to give and consecrate all you are and all you have to THE LORD JESUS and you shall be really, really, bless. Amen!

<u>N.B.</u>: And a true christian can not be cursed because he has not given his tihe; JESUS-CHRIST has already made himself a curse for us on the cross(Galatians 3:13).

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TITHES THE UNREVEALED TRUTH

Most often we hear people say:

« Since I started paying my tithes I am really bless and my business is moving ». Many believe most often either naively or by ignorance that when they give the tithe of their revenue (income) to the church, to a Man of God, or to the works of God, they have fulfilled the perfect will of GOD as far as tithe is concern. Many teachings have already been carried out in many religious environments on tithes, for example: that:

- Tithe is the one tenth of ones revenue or income.
- Tithe existed even before the law given to Moses.

All the above being true, I am going to limit myself to say but what has not yet been taught by Doctors and specialists of tithes in this pamplet.

Nearly all teachings on tithe start and end on Malachi 3:7-12 where it is written. «you are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; ...Bring the full tithes into the store house, ...there by put me to the test. Says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of host ... »

The question I have always asked myself is to know why all these teachers of tithes never make mention of Deteronomy 14:22-29 where it is written: « you shall tithe all the yield of your seed, which comes forth from the field year by year. And before the LORD your GOD, in the place which he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine and your oil... When the LORD your GOD blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your GOD chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your GOD chooses, and spend the money for what ever you desire, oxen, or cheep, or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves; and you shall eat there before the LORD your GOD and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not forsake the levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you. At the end of every three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your produce in the same year, and lay it up within your towns and the levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled; that the LORD your GOD may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do ».

Deuteronomy chapter 12 says the same thing concerning tithe like Deuteronomy 14:22 and the rest.

Therefore if the LORD has consecrated at least two chapters on the fact that the one who was to give tithe also had to eat. If the Bible says clearly that one ought to "rejoice with all his family" with his tithe every year and that orphans, widows and strangers ought to have their share in the tithe of the third year (Deuteronomy 14: 24-26). Why do specialists of tithe, why have they never taught and practise this part of the holy scriptures?

Why have they never simply read or asked that it should be read to their followers without making any comment? It is simply because what is written in this portion of the holy scriptures is not to their advantage.

If one had to cut away or remove from the Bible every word or teaching that is not to our advantage or does not pleases us then the Bible will be having just a few pages left.

But glory be to GOD because he has always revealed in broad daylight all the Biblical Truth that Satan and Men are trying to hide.

N.B: TITHE was a social law concerning the Israelite Nation. And in the NEW CONVERNANT, The CHURCH of the LORD JESUS-CHRIST which is make up of men and women of all tribe, all language, all people and all nation is not concerned with this law (Revelation 5:9-10; Hebrews 7:11-12).

CURSE, YES THEY SAID CURSE

Nobody can be indifferent face to the tone that these « specialists » of tithe use when they pronounce the word « curse » that will weigh on those who do not pay their tithes as far as (Malachi 3:9) is concerned.

Permit me to ask a little question: finally who is under a curse? Since in the epistle to the Galatians chapter 3 verse 10 it is written: « For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them ».

This verse is very Clear to those who have open ears and an open spirit. Instead it is all those who continue to attach themselves to incomplete teachings that they have received on tithe, they are the ones who are under a curse even if they don't know. Because all Teachings on tithe in the Bible do not consist only on giving the one tenth of ones revenu to the church or to the work of GOD, but it is also clearly written: that the person who gives his tithe also had to Eat, himself and his household, orphan, widow and stranger also ought to have their share in the tithe and in Deuteronomy 14:28 GOD even talks of the tithe of every three years.

Let us be sincere, you who pays tithe and even defend it with all your strength, do you really

- Have you ever eaten your tithe one day?
- Have you ever rejoiced of your tithe with you family one day?
- Have you ever asked to know if orphans widows and the sojouner or stranger have their share in your tithe?
 - Have you ever paid the tithe of three years?

If the answers to the above questions are all no then stop fooling yourself by thinking that it is because you have paid or you are paying your tithe that you are blessed.

If GOD had to take in account with rigour all the prescriptions that he gave concerning tithe, then you merit nothing instead you are under a curse, because you do not practise all that which is written concerning tithe.

Know that if it has happened that GOD has blessed you it is not because you have given your tithe, but it is simply on the base of his mercy and also because GOD does not consider time of ignorance (Acts 17:30).

Let me tell you without transition that in <u>Hebrews chapter 7</u>, tithe has been abolished in the new alliance. For, example it is written:

« For when there is a change in the priest-hood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well...on the one hand, a former commandment is set asside because of its weakness and uselessness for the law made nothing perfect (Hebrews 7:11-18).

As I say tithe has been abolished in the new alliance, I know many are not happy, but if some people think that tithe has never been abolished, if they are sincere, they should not only be head strong on Malachi 3 but they should also preach and put in pratice what is written in Deuteronomy 14:22-29.

If not they should know that they are under a curse as far as Galatians 3:10 is concerned.

One day, a leader of a certain assembly heard me preacting this message to one of his followers, he became very annoyed and said to me: « If we do not preach on tithe, particularly Malachi 3, Christians will not give their money to the church ».

In his point of view and that of the majority who preache on tithe, **Malachi 3** is a « good » chapter to put pressure on christians, and even to threaten and intimidate them so that they can give at all cost even if they do not like to.

I want to share in brief what I answered him; and let me tell you that he was very fascinated and if he was humble, he would have asked for forgiveness for treating me as being heretical:

Even though the new testament does not teach and does not recommend the practice of tithe it does not justify the fact that christians no longer give to GOD, to the work of GOD and to those in need; because the New Testament teaches alot and without reserve on giving and Liberality.

First lesson to retain: in 1Corinthians 6:19-20 it is written « Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy spirit within you, which you have from GOD? You are not your own; you were bought with a price... ».

As such the christian is no longer his own, he belongs to someone else, CHRIST who redeemed him from sin and from the curse; consequently All that he has or possesses belongs to his redeemer. He is not supposed to give Him his one tenth but his ALL. That is why the Bible tells us that we ought to know we are mere bursars, managers, administrators of the goods the LORD gives us and one day we shall give an account on the way we managed it. All christians shall stand in the court of JESUS not to be judged and thrown in hell like those who have not repented from their sins and who have not received JESUS as their LORD and saviour, but to give account of the gifts, talents and goods that GOD gave them to manage (1Corinthians 4:2; 2Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12).

In <u>2Corinthians 8:5</u> it is written « For they (christians of Macedonia) gave ...and this not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord.... »

In order that a gift what so ever should be acceptable by the LORD, the person who gives should first of all give himself to the LORD and most of all be totally consecrated to the LORD. It is stupid and foolish to believe that one can live any how and come to « Bribe or corrupt » GOD with his goods or gifts. It is awful to note that in most religious milieu, interest is focus on what the members have in their pockets, bodering less to know what their spiritual condition might be and what is their relationship with the LORD meanwhile it ought to be the priority and the essential.

And we should also know that GOD have forbided the salary of prostitute into His house(Deut.23:18). What is the origin of your riches ???

SOME PRINCPLES TO GIVE, AND LIBERALITY ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

1- One ought to give with joy for GOD loves a cheerful giver

(Acts 20:35; 2Corinthians 9:7).

All that we give to the LORD, to his work or to our neighbour by force is not welcomed by GOD and consequently the blessing of GOD shall not be in return.

Many who practise tithe, give their tithe not with joy but with the fear of being cursed if they do not do so, thus the happiness of those who preache, rejoice and profit of these tithes, for then they are sure to have a minimum financial security.

2- GIIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR PROSPERITY

Even if I do not give tithe, I have to always be conscious of the fact that I ought to be in position at all times and in any place to give according to what I have. And GOD knows exactly what each one of us has. In other words, GOD is not interested only on what we give but most of all what we keep for ourselves, for example the declaration of the LORD JESUS concerning the offering of the poor widow in the Gospel (Mark 12:41-44); 2Corinthians 8:11-12; 1Corinthians 16:2.

3- Not to expose oneself to distress because you want to give (2Corinth. 8:13).

Many people have difficulties to eat in their homes, but their pastors who careless about their condition, do not stop from shouting that they should give in church. How can one give what he does not have? How can one give when normally from our precarious condition we are instead supposed to be taken care of materially, and financially? It is not the will of GOD that you give and suffer after. And true pastors do not give only The Word of GOD to people but also what to eat and other things; and normally shepherds are the ones to take care of the sheeps and not the other way round (Acts 20:17-35; 2Cor.12:14-15).

Blessings attached to giving, and to liberality.

GOD in his sovereignty has chosen to bless his children in accordance with their generosity towards His work and towards their neighbours. It is written:

« He who sows sparingly (Stingily) will also reap sparigly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully »(2Corinthians 9:6-11).

According to the above verses, the person who gives less than one tenth (less than tithe) is not stealing God, but will simple receive according to what he sows.

- «...Give and it will be given to you; ...for the measure you give will be the measure you get back »($\underline{Luke 6:38}$).
- « One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another with holds what he should give, and only suffers want. A liberal Man will be enriched and one who waters will himself be watered »(Proverbs 11:24-25).
- « Well done good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master »(Matthew 25:21).

When a christians do not attach himself to the goods that GOD gives him, when he is ready to use it according to GOD's directive (instruction), when he is ready to give to the needy around him, GOD is also ready to give him more and as much as possible, in order that he should become a canal that. He will use to advance his work, to provide the need of His children which will have as result abundant thanks giving to the LORD coming from those whose need has been provided by Him.

Thus it is not money that GOD lacks but faithfull managers (bursars). Are You a faithful manager?

GATHER ONE'S TREASURE IN HEAVEN

From the mouth of the LORD JESUS we can gather our treasure in Heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal (Matthew 6:9-21).

And the best and only way to gather ones treasure in heaven is to consecrate ALL that we have to the LORD and to his work, it is not to invest in this world that will one day be destroyed, without His autorisation (permission), it is also by giving to the needy whom GOD places on our way(1Timothy 6:17-18).

Even though the New Testament does not recomment the practice of tithe, there are many verses that teache on liberality. « Let him who is taught the word share all good things. With him who teaches » (not one tenth) (Galatians 6:6).

NB: « share all good things » does not mean give all good things as some preaches, but SHARE what one has no matter the nature of the good (for example money).

« Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to GOD »(Hebrews 13:16).

« Beloved, it is a loyal thing you do when you render any service to the brethren, especially to strangers, who have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey as befits GOD's service for they have set out for his sake and have accepted nothing from the heathen. So we ought to support such men that we may be felow workers in the truth »(3John 5-8).

<u>DAMPER</u>: Being therefore responsible in one way or the other to ALL the things that we defend, we have to be very vigilant and make sure that we do not give our money and goods to any body simply because he speaks of GOD and His work.

We also have to know that many works done in the name of GOD do not come from GOD. We ought to support and encourage only works, we are convinced comes from GOD and take in account every advice or council of GOD, if not we are running the risk to spend the goods that the LORD has given us to support human enterprises and religious adventurer, and GOD will ask us an account.