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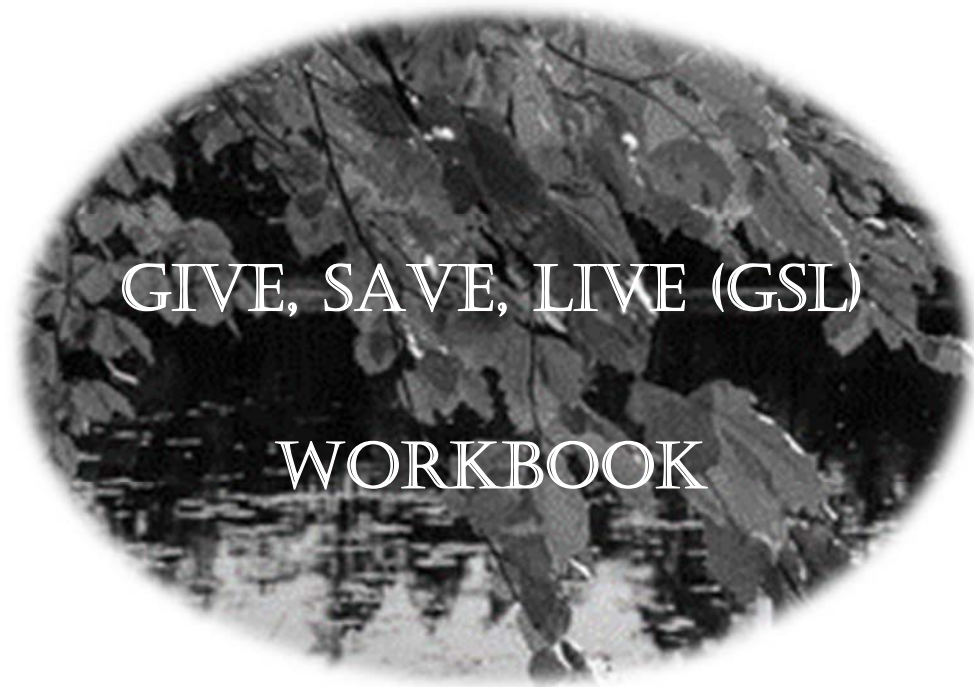
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“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

Psalm 1:3

Course Overview

Give, Save, Live (GSL) is a spiritual guide on how Christians should govern themselves according to the principles of giving, saving, and living in a manner that is consistent with God's word. GSL is based on the core scriptural principles found in Jeremiah 29:11, which reads:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In Jeremiah 29:11, God clearly illustrates the principles of GSL as He applies them to His children. In this passage of scripture, God specifically identifies His plans to:

- ☞ *Give* us hope.
- ☞ *Save* us from destruction by not causing us harm.
- ☞ Allow us to *live* by having a prosperous future.

Whereas Satan is a thief who comes only to "*steal, and to kill, and to destroy*", God is clearly the watchman and protector who gave us His Son Jesus to save us from not only Satan, but also from ourselves and the destructive nature of our free will so that we "*might have life*" and that we "*might have life more abundantly*" (John 10:10).

GSL is not and should not be confused with personal financial counseling or advising. Rather, the lessons taught in GSL are and should only be used as scripturally based guidelines for all Christians to live by in order to receive the blessings of Abraham in their lives.

Week 1: Introduction
Key Terms, Definitions, and Principles of Faith Review

Instructions: Match the term, definition, or principle of faith with the appropriate definition below. Try it on your own first, but feel free to use the course materials if needed.

Terms, Definitions, and Principles of Faith

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| a. Tithe | i. Prosperity |
| b. Offering | j. Wealth |
| c. Pledge | k. Financial Stability |
| d. Giving | l. Income |
| e. Sacrificial Giving | m. Expense |
| f. Spiritual Giving | n. Investing |
| g. Saving | o. Credit |
| h. Living | p. Spiritual C.R.E.D.I.T. |

- 1.) _____ The act of bestowing or officially conferring a portion or share of something tangible or intangible for the benefit of the receiving party.
- 2.) _____ An abundance of valuable possessions or money.
- 3.) _____ The ability to obtain goods or services before payment, based on the trust that payment will be made in the future.
- 4.) _____ A promise, similar to an oath, to donate funds, goods, or services to a particular project or activity.
- 5.) _____ A one-tenth part of something paid as a contribution to a religious organization. Today, tithes are normally voluntary and paid in cash, checks, or stocks, whereas biblically and historically, tithes were required and paid in-kind, such as agricultural products.

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- 6.) _____ The condition of being wealthy in material terms; flourishing financially.
- 7.) _____ The cost required to obtain a good or service.
- 8.) _____ The act of strategically giving something that is precious and costly or something one barely can afford as an act of worship and devotion to God with an express purpose of getting an extraordinary breakthrough.
- 9.) _____ A collection of money during a religious worship service.
- 10.) _____ Expending money with the expectation of achieving an enhanced profit or material result in return.
- 11.) _____ Freely giving of ourselves and all of our resources based on our belief, knowledge, and understanding that everything we have comes from God in the first place and therefore, it is our reasonable service to return it to Him cheerfully as a gracious expression of our praise and worship towards Him.
- 12.) _____ Preventing waste of a particular resource.
- 13.) _____ The ability to meet debts as they become due while accumulating wealth at the same time.
- 14.) _____ Christians Receiving Earned Dividends Incurred through Trust.
- 15.) _____ Money received, especially on a regular basis, for work or through investments.
- 16.) _____ The condition or action of possessing and maintaining life.

Week 1: Homework

Assignment: What does tithing mean to you? Is it only about money or does it involve other things? If so, what else does it include? Write down your thoughts and be prepared to discuss them at the beginning of class in Week 2.

God has always been and continues to be good to each of us. He has designed specific plans for each of our lives individually and collectively. Additionally, He has always provided for our needs and even our desires when they are in alignment with His will; however, we as Christians do not always do as we should to honor Him in return. To this end, Give, Save, Live (GSL) teaches Christians the importance of rendering to God what is due to Him as our “reasonable service” because of His saving grace towards us and His eternal desire that we “might have life” and that we “might have life more abundantly” (John 10:10). Whereas GSL is not personal financial counseling or advising, it is a scripturally based guide for all Christians to live by in order to receive the blessings of Abraham in their lives.



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