

**“Four Secrets to Surviving the  
Coming Economic Earthquake:  
Secret #3—Go Over the Head of Warren Buffet”**  
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□ **The Desperate Sinner (Genesis 28)**

- Apparently, it's OK to allow an economic \_\_\_\_\_ to forge a new \_\_\_\_\_ between you and God.
- Every \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ for a renewed \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Just as it was with Jacob, in the midst of a crisis \_\_\_\_\_.
- As a recognition of God as his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Jacob offers back to God \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Bible calls it, \_\_\_\_\_.

□ **The Grateful Worshiper (Genesis 14)**

- Abraham returned “tithe” as a grateful act of \_\_\_\_\_ before God, whereas Jacob gave it as a grateful act of \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- But clearly both motivations are \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- Proverbs 3:9, 10
  - Proverbs 3:9 describes the human \_\_\_\_\_ of gratitude for divine blessings (Abraham).
  - Proverbs 3:10 describes the human \_\_\_\_\_ in gratitude for more divine blessings (Jacob).

□ **The Wealthy Provider (Malachi 3)**

- How much belongs to God?
  - Haggai 2:8—“The \_\_\_\_\_ is Mine and the \_\_\_\_\_ is Mine.”
  - Psalm 50:10—“For the \_\_\_\_\_ are Mine.”
  - Psalm 24:1—“The \_\_\_\_\_ is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and \_\_\_\_\_ who live in it.”
  - Maltbie Babcock—“This is \_\_\_\_\_ world.”
  - Genesis 2:15—“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to \_\_\_\_\_ of it.”
  - When you take care of someone else’s property, you aren’t an owner or robber—you’re a \_\_\_\_\_.
- God designed the “tithe” to be a sign of our \_\_\_\_\_ with him: He is our \_\_\_\_\_ and we are his \_\_\_\_\_.
- When we return his \_\_\_\_\_ back to him, we recognize his \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of us and his \_\_\_\_\_ partnership with us.
- God’s \_\_\_\_\_ + My \_\_\_\_\_ = Our \_\_\_\_\_
  - Deuteronomy 29:5—“During the forty years your \_\_\_\_\_ did not wear out, nor did your \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Psalm 37:25—“I have never seen the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ or their children \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Secret #3—Go over the head of Warren Buffet and enlist God as your \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- Ed Gungor, *Religiously Transmitted Diseases*:

“\_\_\_\_\_ touches a nerve in us that nothing else does. We look a lot like God when we do it [John 3:16]. When you \_\_\_\_\_, you defy the fear that you won’t have enough. You insult \_\_\_\_\_, the impulse to acquire or possess more than one needs or deserves. If you really believe that God owns it all and that he is your source and provider, \_\_\_\_\_ will be a simple matter. . . . The arena of \_\_\_\_\_ is the only place where exactly what’s going on in your heart

is revealed. According to Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ keeps your heart in motion toward God and away from material things. . . . Your heart will follow the direction of your \_\_\_\_\_.” (In *Leadership* Summer 2006, p 36)

- Three steps to implement Secret #3:
  - #1—Always set aside God’s \_\_\_\_\_ whenever you receive money.
  - #2—Incrementally work up to another \_\_\_\_\_ for God as he blesses you.
  - #3—Let every gift you give be the compact between you and God to live \_\_\_\_\_ for the other.
- With God it’s not what you \_\_\_\_\_ that counts—it’s what you \_\_\_\_\_ that matters.

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” —II Corinthians 8:9*

Crisis, compact, crisis, call, compact, God draws especially near to us, Savior, Sustainer, 1/10 of his income, “tithe”, worship, partnership, acceptable, response, request, silver, gold, cattle on a thousand hills, earth, all, my Father’s, take care, steward or manager, compact, CFO, administrative assistants, 1/10, 10/10, 100%, ownership, stewardship, partnership, clothes, sandals, forsaken, begging bread, CFO, returning his one-tenth, Giving, give, greed, giving, giving, giving, giving, 1/10, 1/10, 10/10, give, have left over