

**“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