

LEADER'S GUIDE

FOUR WEEK TITHING PROGRAM

TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD: EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF GIVING

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

Many of our brothers and sisters are afraid about whether or not the Lord will take care of them. This fear brings unnecessary pain, restricts the work of God as a loving Heavenly Father, and cripples the work of the Kingdom. *Take God at His Word* was written from a deep desire in my heart to encourage Christians to really trust in God's provision. I'm excited that you want to help lead your congregation into a "promised land"—a place where God's promises are taught and trusted.

Follow these three steps as you present this teaching to your church:

- Pray** This presentation package works, not because it uses gimmicks or campaigns, but because it's based on the power and promises of God. Invest time in prayer before, during, and after the series, and God will richly reward your church family.
- Encourage** The heart of the teaching portion of this series is in the book chapters and sermons. Keep encouraging people to read a chapter during the week. It will enable each person to focus on the specific Bible passages from which you will be preaching. Focus your congregation's head and heart on the power of trusting God and His desire to bless them. The attitude of encouragement will dispel most opposition to preaching on giving and open people up to God's work on their hearts.
- Expect** Model a spirit of anticipation and expectancy. As you do, people will start to open up to the Lord and His will in many exciting ways. God will honor your faith as you lead your congregation to discover the power of His promises. Believe God will do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20 NIV). Look for and expect to find examples of God's abundant provision. He won't ever fail or break His Word.

It almost seems too simple, doesn't it? The simplicity of relying on God and taking Him at His Word is why you can expect Him to provide exactly as he promised. As God responds to our faith, people will see His truthfulness demonstrated in wonderful ways. You are about to lead your congregation into an experience with Him, His providence, and His generous provision!

My prayer is for the Lord to use *Take God at His Word*, this leader's guide, and your leadership to bless His people and expand His Kingdom. I'm thrilled to have the privilege of working with you to teach God's promises about giving. You are in for a wonderful adventure with the Lord!

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GETTING STARTED: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

THE KEYS TO THE PROGRAM

As you review the resources in this leader's guide, please feel free to adapt them to your needs and church culture. However, the components that are most critical to the success of the program are:

- **Positive Sermons**—Four positive, motivating, benefits-oriented sermons on tithing build excitement, faith, and hope versus condemnation.
- **Family Reading**—As families read the book together and discuss it at home, their ears are prepared to hear and hearts to receive God's promises that you will share in your sermons.
- **Books at No Cost**—Providing the book to the families in your congregation at no cost communicates your commitment to this important series and increases the likelihood that they will read the chapters.
- **Church-wide Participation**—Not only will church-wide participation give you better results, it is a unifying experience for your congregation.

A complete download of the *Take God at His Word* Leader's Guide is available with your purchase of the *Take God at His Word* program. For more information, please contact our offices at 1-800-962-7499.