

The Harvest

A Season of Biblical Truths





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reminds us of God's promises.

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nudges us toward generosity.

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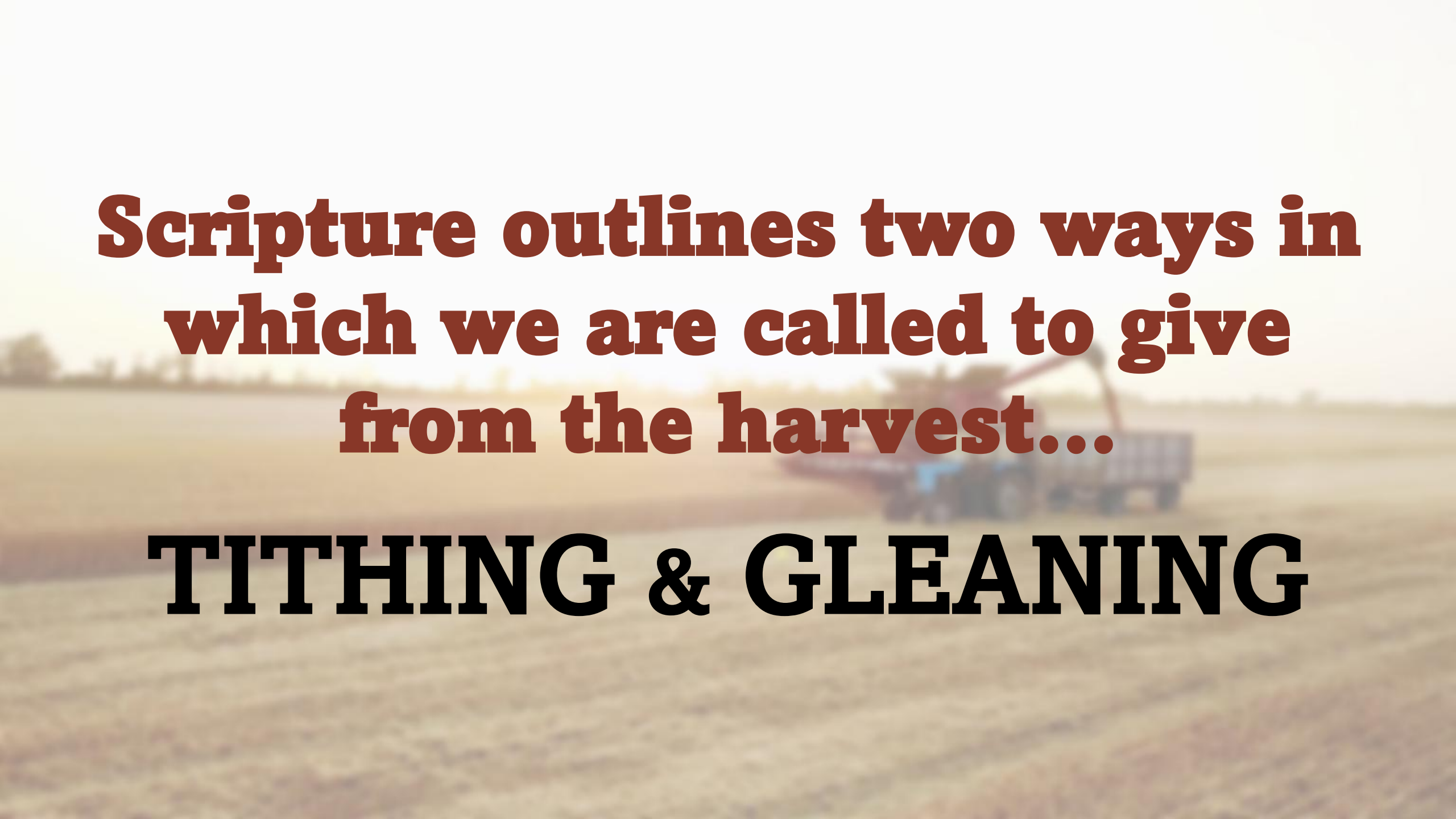
**The bounty yielded
through the harvest is a
blessing from God...**

We have because God provides.

GRATEFULNESS = GENEROSITY

Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



**Scripture outlines two ways in
which we are called to give
from the harvest...**

TITHING & GLEANING

What is Tithing?

The practice of giving 10% of one's income, produce, or possessions to God as an act of worship, obedience, and gratitude.

“One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.”

- Leviticus 27:30

What is Tithing?

Let's talk about "First Fruits"

"We promise to bring the first part of every harvest to the Lord's Temple year after year – whether it be a crop from the soil or from our fruit trees."

- Nehemiah 10:35

First Fruits = Abundance (not scarcity)

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- **It provides for God’s house.**
- **It tells God I trust Him.**
- **It creates margin in my life
for God to fill.**

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- **It reminds me that I am not my source.**
- **It connects my money to a Kingdom purpose.**
- **It gives my job eternal significance.**

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- **It transforms my money into a seed.**
- **It breaks greed and self-reliance off my heart.**
- **It lets everything else in my life know that God is first.**

What is Gleaning?

The practice of collecting the “leftover” crops from a farmer’s field after the main harvest has been gathered.

“When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop.”

- Leviticus 19:9

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Sharing Your Surplus = Compassion

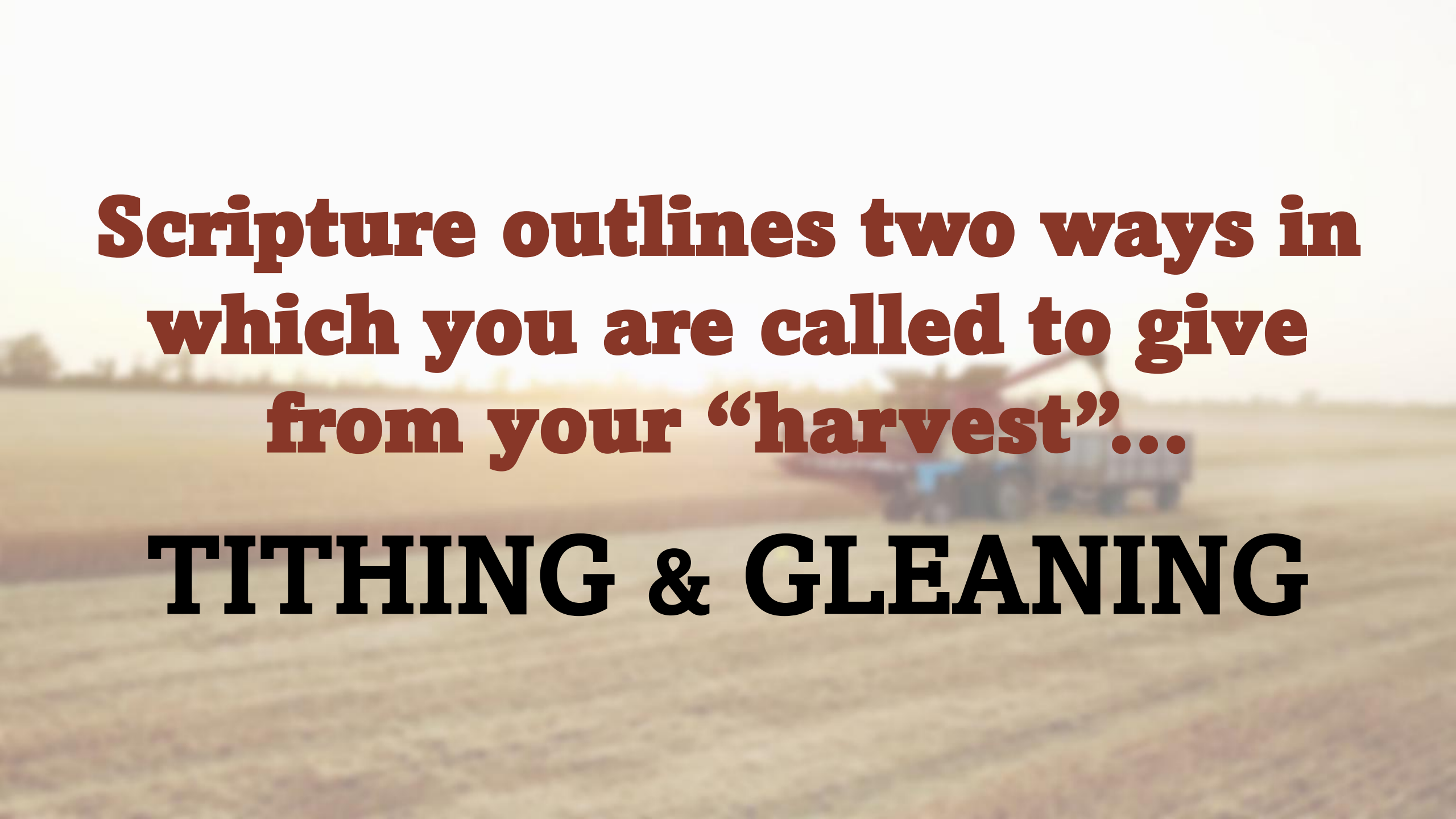
Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go out into the harvest field to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it.”

- Ruth 2:2

The Poor & The Foreigners

How gleaning can work in my life...

- **Set aside my extra** (compassion)
- **Create access & opportunity** (dignity)
- **Reduce my waste** (stewardship)
- **Offer help to the “other”** (care)
- **Trust God will use it** (faith)



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Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

- Matthew 22:37-40



TITHING

a way to love God

GLEANNING

a way to love others

**Allow this harvest
season to nudge you
toward generosity.**

