

## FULLY RESTORED SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

### AUDIO

### VÍDEO

sc. **01**

Some time ago, the janitor of an art museum found an old, decayed, and dirty painting in a waste room. Before he could trash it, the museum director decided to take one last look at it. Not sure about its value, the director sent it to a restorer. The restorer's work was so perfect that many who had previously seen the painting wondered if it was indeed the same. The secret of such perfection was finally uncovered: the signature indicated that the artist was the restorer's father.

sc. **02**

God made us to be masterpieces of His divine creation. But because the human race paid allegiance to Satan, sin marred our characters. Therefore, God sent Jesus, the Son of the Supreme Artist, to restore the Creator's image in us. This is the summary of what the Bible teaches us about Stewardship.

sc. **03**

We belong to Him through creation and redemption, and we can only be happy if we fulfill His purposes. The way we eat, drink, dress, relate with others, choose our life partner, do our business, or manage our finances will reveal which side we have chosen to honor: God or Satan.

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sc. **04** Returning tithes and Promise offerings after every income, for instance, affirms that we recognize God as our self-existent Creator and Redeemer and that we have chosen to be His subjects. Our natural hesitation to tithe and give reveals our hearts' rebellious, selfish inclination and our incompatibleness with Heaven. It reveals our great need for Jesus' transformational power.

sc. **05** The act of tithing has not the power to remove our selfishness; it only reveals it. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, has the power to create a new heart that is humble, generous, and ready to comply with God's requirements, as revealed in the Bible.

sc. **06** Ellen G. White says, "Constant, self-denying benevolence is God's remedy for the cankering sins of selfishness and covetousness" (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 3, p. 548).

As we return our tithes and Promise Offerings today, let us put ourselves last and God first.