

That Special Orange Tree

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AUDIO

VÍDEO

sc. **01**

Most people learn about tithing at church before baptism. Well, I learned it through a tree. Yup, an orange tree. I was very young, but I can remember very well. My father was an Adventist pastor in Luau, Angola. We had ten orange trees around our house. My brothers and I were allowed to eat from nine of them, but the tenth tree was set apart for a special reason. It produced our tithe. We were not allowed to eat from that tree nor even touch it.

Animation and motion graphics.

sc. **02**

Today, as a pastor, I feel blessed by my father's faithful life. It was at home, not at the church, that I learned to respect God and tithe. This was crucial. He brought to our house the lesson taught in the Garden of Eden. The chance to recognize God's authority and ownership not only over our garden here on earth but over our lives.

Animation and motion graphics.

sc. **03**

Commenting about Solomon's suggestion to "honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase (Prov. 3:9)," and the resulting blessings (v. 10), Ellen G. White says: "This scripture teaches that God, as the Giver of all our benefits, [1] has a claim upon them all; that [2] His claim should be our first consideration; and that [3] a special blessing would attend all who honor this claim" (Counsels on Stewardship, p. 65).

Text animation.

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sc. **04**


As you worship the Lord with your tithe and offerings, take a moment to recognize His authority, goodness, and care.

May we put our desires last and God first.

Animation and motion graphics.

 Young Angelo

 Adult Angelo

 Narrator