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WHAT IS PROMISE?

“What did the pastor mean when he mentioned about ‘Promise’ and ‘Promisors?’” asked Martha of Jackie, as they were leaving the church. “Well, Promisors are those who have vowed to exercise their trust in the Lord by returning to Him another percentage of their income in addition to the tithe, believing that He is the Origin of all blessings and able to provide what is necessary for their life,” explained Jackie.

“But is not the tithe enough?” asked Martha. “According to Malachi 3:8-10,” answered Jackie, “both are equally required by God, and the absence of one of them will configure dishonesty against Him,” she added.

“But what are the differences between them?” asked Martha. “One of them,” Jackie said, “is that while the tithe has a specific percentage stipulated by God (10 percent), He leaves it up to each of us individually to decide the percentage to be given as Promise,” said Jackie. “Another difference is that while the tithe must be used exclusively for supporting the authorized ministry [see Num. 18:21, 24], offerings should cover a

wider range of other important necessities for the spreading of the gospel around the world,” she added.

“I see that God is calling me to take a step of faith, becoming also a Promisor,” said Martha. “It will help me to be more consistent, giving offerings as regularly as God’s blessings and not according to my heart, or according to my sympathy, projects, or special calls, but every time He blesses!” she said.

APPEAL: Have you ever considered becoming a Promisor, sharing a proportion of God’s blessings as frequently as He provides for you? Have you already decided what percentage of your income the Holy Spirit is suggesting that you start giving as Promise?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to trust in You as the Provider and Sustainer, and to recognize Your blessings by returning the tithe and giving a “Promise,” a percentage-based offering of my income or increase. Amen!

