

# What is tithing?

- **The word "tithe" means "a tenth part" or 10%.** In the Bible, God tells us we are to give the first 10% of all we earn back to Him. Giving less than 10% is not tithing.
- **Tithing is the first 10% of all paychecks and earnings.** Proverbs 3:9-10. God does not want your "leftover" income at the end of the month He wants the first.

# Why should I tithe?

- **God commands it!** Leviticus 27:30.
- **Jesus confirms it.** Matthew 23:23.
- **Tithing shows that God is first in my life!** Deuteronomy 14:23.
- **Tithing reminds me that everything was given to me by God.** Deuteronomy 8:18.
- **Tithing expresses my gratitude to God for helping me earn income.** Psalm 116:12, Deuteronomy 16:17.
- **Refusing to tithe is stealing from God.** Deuteronomy 16:17, Malachi 3:8-10.
- **Tithing gives God a chance to prove to me that He exists and wants to bless me.** Malachi 3:10-11.
- **Tithing is essential for spiritual growth.** 2 Corinthians 8:7.
- **Tithing shows that I love God.** Matthew 6:21, 2 Corinthians 8:8, John 14:15.
- **Tithing is an investment in eternity.** Matthew 6:19-20.
- **I cannot out give God.** Luke 6:38.

# Where should I tithe?

The Bible is very clear that God expects the tithe to be given back to Him at the place where you worship. In the Old Testament, they brought their tithes to the Temple. In the New Testament the tithe was given at the synagogue or church. While there are many fine organizations, charities, and ministries, the church is God's institution. You may support other ministries with additional offerings. Only gifts given to God as an act of worship at the house of worship are considered tithes.

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do so," says the lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"*

Malachi 3:10



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