

Advanced Topics in Tithing

Overview: Prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. 3 John 1:2

A. Fundamentals of Tithing.

1. What is tithing?
 - a) Webster's definition: To give a tenth part of one's income for the support of the church.
 - b) Of all, I shall give the tenth to thee. Gen 28:22
 - c) Tithing is the process of bringing the tithe to God's representative on earth. Mal 3:10
 - d) In heaven, Jesus receives the tithes and presents them to Our Heavenly Father. Heb 7:8
2. Why do you tithe?
 - a) Concerning the tithe ... the tenth shall be holy. Lev 27:32
 - b) It is Holy. Lev 27:32
 - c) It belongs to God. Lev 27:30
 - d) Not tithing is robbing God. Mal 3:8
3. When do you tithe?
 - a) Do you want one more day of frogs in your life? one day more under a curse?
 - b) When do you want God to become a partner in your life and your business or your work?
 - c) Tithe **as soon as you can** after getting income or first fruits.

B. Tithing in a Scriptural Manner.

1. Where do you tithe?
 - a) Bring tithes that there may be food in God's House. Mal 3:10
 - b) Preachers of the Gospel should live by the Gospel. (Refer: AMPC). 1 Cor 9:1-14
 - c) Tithe to where you are being fed. Believers should support their teachers. Gal 6:6 Ampl
 - d) Don't tithe to a dead work. Deut 26:14
 - e) Don't contaminate your tithes by tithing to a 501c3 incorporated church.
2. How do you tithe?
 - a) Treat the tithe as holy. Lev 27:30
 - b) Confess your sins before you tithe. (Refer to AMPC). Deut 26:14
 - c) You are presenting your tithe to Jesus. Heb 7:8; 4:15; 7:26
 - d) Bring your tithe and present it with holiness and prayer. Deut 26:14
 - e) Remind God that He has promised to bless us in this land of milk and honey. Deut 26:13-15
 - f) Do **not** use your tithe as an income tax deduction else it becomes less than 10%.
3. Attitudes for tithing.
 - a) Obedience is better than sacrifice. 1 Sam 15:22
 - b) You are not your own. All you have belongs to God. 1 Cor 6:19-20
 - c) God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7
 - d) Tithe with joyful confident expectation (hope).

C. Partnering with Jehovah Tzavaot.

1. Breaking the Curse on the earth.
 - a) Cain and Abel.
 - 1) Cursed is the ground for thy sake. Gen 3:17
 - 2) Cain brought first fruits of the (*cursed*) ground and God rejected it. Gen 4:3
 - 3) Abel brought sacrifices of his flock and it was respected by God because the life belongs to God and the life is in the blood. Gen 4:4
Lev 17:11
 - 4) Cain killed Abel. Gen 4:8

- b) Noah and sacrifices.
- 1) Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, Gen 8:20
and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
 - 2) And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart,
I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; Gen 8:21
 - 3) By the action of Noah, God removed the curs from the earth so that man
could now bring him tithes not just of life ad blood but also of the fruits of the earth.
2. Making God your partner.
- a) Partnering with God sets you free.
- 1) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my Joh 8:31
word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;
And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Joh 8:32
 - 2) The engrafted word saves your soul. Jam 1:21
 - 3) You prosper and you are in health even as your soul prospers. 3 John 2
- b) Tithing makes God your partner.
- 1) If thou shalt **hearken** diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to Deut 28:1
observe and to **do** all his commandments
All these blessings shall come on thee, and **overtake** thee, if thou shalt Deut 28:2
hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
 - 2) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine Mal 3:10
house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not
open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that
[there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it].
3. Rebuking the Devourer.
- a) The Word of God (WOG) is as a two-edged sword.
- 1) For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than Heb 4:12
any two-edged sword ...
 - 2) The Word of God can bring salvation or damnation.
And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to Mar 16:15
every creature. v16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;
but he that believeth not shall be damned.
 - 3) The Word of God can bring life or death.
.... but they shall not touch [any] **holy** thing, lest they die. Num 4:15
And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders 1Ch 15:15
with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.
.... Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 1Ch 13:9
And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, 1Ch 13:10
because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.
 - 4) The tithe can bring life or death.
..... every devoted thing [is] most holy unto the LORD. Lev 27:28
None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; Lev 27:29
[but] shall surely be put to death.
And the city shall be accursed (**i.e., devoted**), [even] it, and all in it. Jos 6:17
And ye, in any wise keep [yourselves] from the accursed thing, lest ye Jos 6:18
make [yourselves] accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and
make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

.... Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, Jos 7:1
.... took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled
against the children of Israel.

And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee Jos 7:25
this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire,
after they had stoned them with stones.

b) The Word of Tithing is a two-edged sword.

1) The curse.

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we Mal 3:8
robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye [are] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, [even] this whole nation. Mal 3:9

2) The blessing.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house,
and prove me now herewith, saith the **LORD of hosts**, if I will not open you the windows
of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive
it].

Mal 3:11 And **I will rebuke the devourer** for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the
fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith
the LORD of hosts.

3) The partnership for spiritual warfare.

God partners with you **not** as Jehovah Jireh, your Provider but as Jehovah Tzavaot, the
Lord of Hosts, the Captain of the Armies of Heaven.

Suggestion: Make God a partner in your life by tithing.

Tithing Statistics

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| 2002 | 6% of Christians tithed |
| 2003+ | 3% |
| 2006 | 9% are tithers but evangelicals are at 25% |
| 2012 | 12% |
| 2019 | 5% |

Tithers generally meet their monthly bills and are doing well.

1 in 3 tithers are out of debt

Tithers are 40% less likely to have significant debt

Data below from CDFcapital.org 11-2019

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| 2018 | 5% churchgoers are tithers. |
| 2015 | US 247 Million Christians with 1.5 million tithers 0.006 (i.e., 6/1000 of 1 percent) |
| 2012 -2018 | Church giving has fallen 50 % (\$1.5 Billion) |

Hindrances to Tithing

Overview: God has given you the power to get wealth Deut 8:18

(1) **Why do people not tithe?**

- The fundamental reason is a lack of knowledge and understanding. Tithing is primarily for the tither's own benefit.

(2) **Ignorance of the value of tithing.**

- It finances the spreading of the Gospel.
- It makes God a partner in your life and business.
- It breaks in your life the curse that is upon the earth and its byproducts.

(3) **The belief that tithing is a part of the Old Testament Law.**

- Abraham tithed long before the Exodus, the Mosaic Law and the Levitical Law.

(4) **The belief that tithing is part of the Abrahamic Covenant.**

- Abraham tithed to Melchizedek. Gen 14:20
- After his tithing, God made the Promise to Abraham. Gen 15
- When Abraham was 99, God established the Covenant. Gen 16

(5) **The belief that tithing is not in the New Testament.**

- The word "Tithing" is used only twice in the Old Test. Deut 26:12
- "Tithe" and "tithes" used 28 times in the Old Testament.
- The Word "Tithe/s" is used eight times in the New Test. Matt 23:23; Luke 11:42; 18:12; Heb 7:5; 7:6; 7:8; and 7:9 (twice)
- They sold *all* and gave to the church. Acts 2:44,45

(6) **The belief that those who are redeemed don't need to tithe.**

- And here, men that receive tithes die. Heb 7:8

(7) **The belief that we give tithes to men.**

- Jesus is our high priest and He presents our offerings to the Father. Heb 4:14 – 5:6

(8) **The belief that tithing takes away from your finances.**

- God will open the windows of heaven for you Mal 3:10 (Gen 7:11)
- God will rebuke the devourer for you Mal 3:11
- Jesus promises you a return of 100 times Mark 10:38,39

(9) **Selfishness**

- Three Gospels end with the Great Commission Matt 28:18; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47
- Jesus said "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc" Matt 25:35,36
- God said "If you give to the poor, I will return it" Prov 19:17
- God loves a cheerful giver 2 Cor 9:7

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