

## 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

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