

THIS IS WHAT WE DO

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Verses

Matthew 24:37-39

Revelation 2:4

John 13:35

John 3:3

Matthew 24:46

Romans 13:11

Talk It Over

Read **Leviticus 27:30**. Notice the use of the word “everything.” In which areas of your life do you struggle to give God your first?

What obstacles might people experience that keep them from tithing, and how could they overcome them?

Talk about a time when God used the generosity of the church or an individual in a radical way. How does this memory impact the way you understand the tithe?

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‘aser: one tenth

“... the Lord will be my God ²²... and of all that you give me I will give you **a tenth**.” Genesis 28:21-22 NIV

“A **tithe** of everything from the land ... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” Leviticus 27:30 NIV

*Be sure to set aside **a tenth** of all that your fields produce each year.*

Deuteronomy 14:22 NIV

Tithing is returning the first 10% of what God entrusts to us, worshiping Him with our first and our best.

What Tithing Is Not About

- **Earning salvation**
- **Appeasing a guilty conscience.**
- **Buying God’s blessings.**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

5 Reasons Why I Tithe

1. I TITHE BECAUSE GOD COMES FIRST

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; Proverbs 3:9 NIV

It takes faith to give first.

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2. I TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 NIV

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 NIV

3. I TITHE BECAUSE I'M GRATEFUL

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17 NIV

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Psalms 24:1 NIV

4. It breaks my fear and builds my faith.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Malachi 3:10 NIV

God can do more with 90% than we can do with 100% on our own.

5. It connects my resources to eternal impact.

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 NLT

