

Scripture References

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

I Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

I Corinthians 16:2a

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up...

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

I Timothy 6:17-18

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Leviticus 27:30

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.



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Biblical Principles of Tithing

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Your Guide to Taking Responsibility, Stewardship, & Financial Accountability

Stewardship

Stewardship not only includes taking care of His possessions entrusted to us, but also taking care of those around us.

As Christians, we are taught that all we are given in life is a gift from the Lord – nothing belongs to us (Psalm 24:1). Our material possessions (Ephesians 5:15-17), talents (Romans 12:4-8), and our time on earth are not ours. Therefore, we are called to be good stewards of what has been given to us (Luke 16:1-15). The parables are full of examples of the responsibility that we carry, both personally and socially (Matthew 25:1-30; Luke 12:13-21). Being a good steward not only means taking care of our possessions; it also means taking care of those around us. We do this by giving back to the Lord in the form of the tithe.

What is tithing?

Tithing is a spiritual law God gave to mankind to help people find abundance, fulfillment and gratitude in their everyday lives. A tithe is ten percent of one's income given back to God (Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:22), with God being represented on the physical level by the source of one's spiritual teaching, usually a church.

We give a tenth of our income to God as a sign of his sovereignty and our trust. He, in turn, promises continual blessings. You should approach it with a thankful and trusting attitude, knowing God has provided for you and will continue to in the future. Discover for yourself the blessing of fulfilling God's covenant.

Tithing is a test for us, our obedience & of our love of God.

Why tithe?

"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 you will not have room enough for it" (Malachi 3:10 NIV).

One of the fundamental faults we have as human beings is greed. We can help to break this by tithing, giving ten percent of our personal wealth. When one person becomes free of materialism, it's like an infection going the other way. Instead of greed affecting honest people, honest people start affecting the greedy. You let go and give to God, joyfully and unconditionally.

When you lovingly give to the Lord, the abundance starts to come to you in many ways. When you commit to tithing, the Holy Spirit will work through you in a new and blessed way. Conditions may or may not immediately change in the physical, but on the inside He will work wonders.

What if I don't have the money to tithe?

People who tithe regularly and with a joyful attitude have found that they always have the money, and the blessings pour forth for them. Tithing is about putting God first in your life. When you do this, you can count on God doing his part. Give what you are comfortable giving, remembering where your money comes from.

Giving during trying times, when it is truly a sacrifice, may provide blessings that exceed your expectations. Jesus even noted the widow's sacrificial offering in Mark 12:41-44.

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