

Where should I give my 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 local 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.

When should I tithe?

"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn..."

1 Corinthians 16:2 (Living)

Should I tithe on my net income or gross income?

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

Which do you want God to bless—your net or your gross? We believe we should tithe on the gross income.

Isn't tithing an Old Testament Jewish law that I can ignore?

No. That's just an old excuse with no Biblical basis.

1. God established the principle of tithing 430 years before He gave the Law to Moses. If tithing was only a Jewish law, why did Abraham tithe 430 years before the law was revealed? Tithing was being practiced long before the Jewish nation even existed.
2. Although tithing is mentioned in the Old Testament Law, there is no punishment mentioned for not tithing. Can you imagine a law without a punishment? Tithing is a life principle that is to be a voluntary act.
3. Jesus commended tithing in the New Testament.

What if I can't afford to tithe?

If you are in debt, you can't afford not to tithe! You need God's help to get out of debt. There are many financial principles in the Bible, but the starting point is to be honest with God by beginning to tithe. Tell God you're going to put Him first in your finances, that you are willing to obey the principles in His Word, and you are trusting Him to help you get out of debt.

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Tithing

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What is tithing?

The word “tithe” means a tenth part or 10%. In the Bible God tells us that we are to give the first 10% of all we earn back to Him. Giving less than 10% is not tithing.

What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

A tithe is 10% of your income. An offering is any amount you give over and above that amount. An offering is anything you give in addition to your tithe such as gifts for special projects, missions, Dare, sponsorships, etc. Tithing is God’s minimum standard—the starting point. As God prospers you, you will want to give more.

Why should I tithe?

1. Because God commands it.

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

2. Because Jesus commands it.

“Yes, you should tithe, but you shouldn’t leave the more important things undone.” Matthew 23:23 (Living)

Tithing was the only thing Jesus commended the Pharisees for doing!

3. Because tithing shows that God has first place in MY life.

“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.” Deuteronomy 14:23 (Living)

If God does not have first priority in your finances, He isn’t really first in your life.

4. Because it reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God.

“Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you power to produce wealth.” Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)

Rather than feeling “I’m giving God 10% of my money”, realize God is letting you keep 90% of HIS money. Without God’s help, you would have nothing.

5. Because tithing expresses my gratitude to God for helping me earn income.

“How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?” Psalms 116:12 (NIV)

“Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.” Deuteronomy 16:17 (NIV)

6. Because refusing to tithe is stealing from God.

“Will a man rob God: Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse ...” Malachi 3:8-9 (NIV)

If you don’t tithe, God says you are using money that rightfully belongs to Him. God has a right to whatever He asks for from you.

7. Because tithing gives God a chance to prove to you that He exists and wants to bless you.

“I am the Lord All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing.” Malachi 3:10 (CEV)

8. Because it is essential to spiritual growth.

“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

9. Because tithing shows I really love God.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

“If you love me, you will obey my commands.”

John 14:15 (NCV)

Wherever you put your money is where your affection is going to be. Every time you give back to God you are drawn closer to Him.

10. Because tithing is an investment for eternity.

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ...” Matthew 6:20 (NIV)

How do you do that? By investing your money in helping people get to heaven! Most of the things you spend your money on will not even last for ten years, much less for eternity.

11. Because you cannot outgive God.

“Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.” Luke 6:38 (TEV)

There are more promises in the Bible connected to giving than any other subject. Giving unlocks the promises of God in your life. When you give, God always gives back to you in greater degree.

What should I tithe?

“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns to overflow.” Proverbs 3:9-10 (Living)

You should tithe the first 10% of every paycheck and all else you earn. God doesn’t want your “leftover” income at the end of the month. He wants first place.