

**The Stewardship of Tithing**  
**"How to Walk in God's Financial System"**

**Malachi 3:10, *"Bring you 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."***

God does everything by **plans**. He has a plan for the family. He has a plan of salvation. He has a plan for your health. He has a plan how to communicate with Him through prayer. He has a plan how to build healthy relationships. He has a plan how to resolve conflicts. He has a plan how to parent children. He has a plan how to build your faith. And **God** has a **financial plan to bless** His people. The Almighty speaks positively, clearly and with a directive addressed to every member of his church family. God has a way to provide for **all the needs** of his people. If we follow the way, we have the infinite blessing of God individually and collectively. God has revealed His plan in the Holy Bible. His financial blessing is called **"Tithes and Offerings"** (Malachi 3: 8-12).

**What is a Tithe?**

The word tithe means **tenth**. The first time that we read of tithe is in the very first book of the Bible, Genesis. Many people have been mistaken by believing that tithing was first instituted under the law in the Book of Leviticus. The assumption is that tithing is law, not grace, and therefore we are under no necessity or compulsion to tithe. But tithing was introduced by Abraham who lived 500 years before the law (under grace). **Abraham**, while living under grace, gave **Christ** (Melchisedec, who possibly a preincarnation appearance of Christ) the tenth of all. **(Genesis 14:17-20), *"And the King of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all,"*** as is abundantly shown in (Hebrews 7:1-17).

**Abraham**, the father of the faithful not under any compulsion of the law, gave unto the Lord Jesus, either in type or person, the tenth of all. Who told Abraham to tithe? There is no escape from the fact that tithing was a revelation from God. By Abraham giving this tithe (tenth to Melchisedec, he expressed his love to God). Also in Genesis 28, **Jacob tithed** unto the Lord also under grace hundreds of years before the Mosaic Law). Jacob made his first response to God, so far as the records show, by promising him a tithe of all that he might acquire in his journey to Mesopotamia, Note Genesis 28:22, *"And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that you shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto you."* When God established the law, He also incorporated that the people were to give a tithe (tenth unto the Lord). The **tithe is holy** unto the Lord (Leviticus 27:30). It never is ours, either first or last. We cannot give the tithe. It already belongs to God and the only thing we can do with it is to bring it into His **storehouse** for the uses which He has ordained.

### **Spiritual Rewards of Tithing**

The spiritual rewards of tithing to the individual soul and to the church are immense. God has a **heavenly purpose** in it all. Tithing is not a money-raising scheme. It is a **soul-growing, character-developing** program. The purpose of tithing is not to secure the tithe but the **tither**, not the possessions but the **possessor**, not the money, but you, for God. Tithing is not a scheme of preachers, prophets, or seers, but a plan and program of God to enrich character, develop souls and enlarge vision. When a believer brings one's tithe into the **storehouse** and place it on God's altar, one **honors God** with his substance and that is counted as **worship-a concrete expression of your love to God**. It is the opening up the depths of your compassion and keeping the stream of benevolence flowing from your heart.

**God knew** that money is a good steward but a poor master. The love of money is the root of all evil. For many the lure of money is stronger than the human will. And for many money stands between a man and God. So the break the stronghold of greed and selfishness off the individual, God gives to us a means by which our heart can remain sensitive to God's ownership and provisions. In Deuteronomy 8:18, *"But you shall remember the Lord God: it is He that gives you power to get wealth."*

Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21; 24, *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also... No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

### **God Loves the Cheerful Giver**

When you give the tithe unto the Lord, you should give it with a cheerful heart, never sad or mad. God rejoices over a giver that gives with a heart full of love and joy. God actually loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9: 7," Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver."** After you have given to God the tithe, then you should accompany it with an offering. God has made great promises:

### **Some of God's Promises to Tithers and Givers**

1. He will pour you out a blessing that you shall not have room to receive
2. Rebuke the devourer for your sakes
3. You shall be fruitful
4. You shall be called blessed
5. He will multiply the seed that you sow
6. The liberal soul shall be made fat
7. A giver's barns shall be filled and presses burst with new wine
8. Increase the fruits of your righteousness

# Guide To Proportionate Giving

*For they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.  
2 Corinthians 8:3*

**Instructions :**

Find your annual or weekly income in one of the first two columns. Then look across the row to determine your giving level in percent. We encourage each household to increase giving 1 percent per year.

**Example :**

For a household earning \$52,000 per year and contributing about \$30 per week, the contribution is about 3 percent of income. This is a portion of what has been given by God to be managed and then is returned to do ministry. A 1 percent increase (from 3 percent to 4 percent) would be about an additional \$10 per week.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Giving									
		2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%	
\$5,200	\$100	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	
\$7,800	\$150	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	22.50	
\$10,400	\$200	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	30.00	
\$13,000	\$250	5.00	7.50	10.00	12.50	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	37.50	
\$15,600	\$300	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	45.00	
\$18,200	\$350	7.00	10.50	14.00	17.50	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	52.50	
\$20,800	\$400	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	60.00	
\$23,400	\$450	9.00	13.50	18.00	22.50	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	67.50	
\$26,000	\$500	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	75.00	
\$31,200	\$600	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	90.00	
\$36,400	\$700	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	105.00	
\$41,600	\$800	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	64.00	80.00	96.00	120.00	
\$46,800	\$900	18.00	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	72.00	90.00	108.00	135.00	
\$52,000	\$1,000	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	150.00	
\$57,200	\$1,100	22.00	33.00	44.00	55.00	66.00	88.00	110.00	132.00	165.00	
\$62,400	\$1,200	24.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	96.00	120.00	144.00	180.00	
\$65,000	\$1,250	25.00	37.50	50.00	62.50	75.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	187.50	
\$67,600	\$1,300	26.00	39.00	52.00	65.00	78.00	104.00	130.00	156.00	195.00	
\$72,800	\$1,400	28.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	112.00	140.00	168.00	210.00	
\$78,000	\$1,500	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	225.00	
\$91,000	\$1,750	35.00	52.50	70.00	87.50	105.00	140.00	175.00	210.00	262.50	
\$104,000	\$2,000	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	240.00	300.00	
\$117,000	\$2,250	45.00	67.50	90.00	112.50	135.00	180.00	225.00	270.00	337.50	
\$130,000	\$2,500	50.00	75.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	200.00	250.00	300.00	375.00	
\$156,000	\$3,000	60.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	240.00	300.00	360.00	450.00	
\$182,000	\$3,500	70.00	105.00	140.00	175.00	210.00	280.00	350.00	420.00	525.00	
\$208,000	\$4,000	80.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	240.00	320.00	400.00	480.00	600.00	