

TITHING



Tithing Is The Golden Door To Financial Favor.

17 Powerful Facts You Should Remember About Tithing

1. Tithing Is The Biblical Practice Of Returning Ten Percent Of Your Income Back To God After You Have Earned It.

“And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord” (Leviticus 27:32). Throughout the Old Testament, Abraham and others tithed. In the New Testament, even the Pharisees, the hypocritical religious crowd, remembered to tithe.

2. The Old Testament Confirms Giving As Honoring The Lord. “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine” (Proverbs 3:9,10).

3. Tithing Was The Practice Of Abraham. Tithe means “tenth.” The great patriarch Abraham, gave back ten percent of his income as proof and evidence that he honored God as his Provider. He was blessed incredibly for it. “And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold” (Genesis 13:2).

4. The Tithing And Obedience Of Abraham, Produced Blessing For His Son, Isaac. “Then Issac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him” (Genesis 26:12-14).

5. Tithing Is Holy Unto The Lord. “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord” (Leviticus 27:30).

6. Tithing Is Your Golden Gate To Your Personal Financial Supply . “Bring ye 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 it” (Malachi 3:10).

7. Tithing Can Create A Financial Flow For Your Children And Generations After You. It happened for the children of Abraham. “And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed *for My servant Abraham’s sake*” (Genesis 26:24).

8. Tithing Reveals Humility . Your tithe is proof that you recognize the worthiness and authority of God over your life. The arrogant will not tithe. You see, there are three kinds of atheists: 1) Those who believe that God does not even exist; 2) Those who believe they are capable of doing anything God can do; and 3) Those who believe that they themselves are god in their own life. Non-tithers position themselves like the atheist—they keep the tithe. They feel that they are their own god in their own life. It is the ultimate proof of arrogance and pride.

9. Tithing Can Break Any Financial Curse On Your Life And Family . You see, those who rob God of the tithe and offerings that belong to Him are living under a curse. You can be the member of your family that “breaks the curse.” Your Seed is the proof of your faith. Obviously, God always penalizes a thief. But, he always promotes and prospers the tither and those who sow Seed. “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation” (Malachi 3:8,9).

10. Tithing Is Evidence Of Your Love For God. Your giving is one of the proofs that God lives within you. It is the evidence that the nature of God is flourishing inside your heart. Whether it is money, mercy or love, giving is the first true evidence of love. “For God so loved the world, that He gave” (John 3:16).

11. Tithing Is The Proof You Have Conquered Greed. Satan steals. Satan hoards. God gives. What You Can Walk Away From, You Have Mastered. Tithing Is The Proof That You Have Mastered Greed.

12. Tithing Is The Proof You Have Mastered Fear . “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). Fear torments. It makes you hoard instead of release. You become afraid that you cannot replace the money that you are “giving to God.” The truth? The tithe is already His. He permits you the privilege of returning it to Him as proof of your confidence in Him.

13. Tithing Is The Proof That You Believe The Word Of God To You. The Word of God is a collection of instructions. God longs to

be believed. He promised that those who would tithe and bring offerings to Him would see financial Harvest as a result. "But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30).

14. Tithing Documents Your Faith In God. When you write out a check for your tithe, it documents your faith in God. *It is proof of your confidence in His Word.* You really do believe that His Word works. You have fully embraced the wonderful truth that "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

Yet millions attend church every Sunday and walk out with the holy tithe still in their pockets. Sometimes, they will drop a few dollars in its place in the offering as a substitution. Why? They do not believe His promise of provision.

15. Tithing Creates A Memory Of You In The Mind Of God Forever . He beholds His giving nature in you. "And He saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And He said, Of a truth I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:" (Luke 21:2,3). Jesus documented this memory.

16. Tithing Consistently Creates A Consistent Supply. Erratic tithing creates an erratic Harvest. The tithe is an act of faith, a Seed of Obedience that creates momentum. When you tithe consistently, you create a consistent Harvest. You establish a rhythm. Stay in obedience long enough to taste the rewards of momentum.

Consider the four basic seasons each year. Regularity and routine are very important forces in our lives, especially in a Seed-faith lifestyle. So, cooperate with the Law of Sowing and Reaping. Do not become erratic and unpredictable. Nature itself has a pattern, a rhythm and a *routine*. When you honor it, the benefits will far outweigh any cost and risk involved. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

17. Keeping The Tithe Is Theft. When you keep something that belongs to another, you are a thief. Thieves will not enter Heaven. "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:20).

Picture this scene with me for a few moments. Suppose a businessman flew home from a business transaction. His son meets him at the airport. The father, excited, puts his arm around his son and says, "I really love you son. I'm so proud of you. Here's a \$10 bill to buy

yourself a little present. I just made an extra \$100, on this business deal.”

“Thanks, dad!”

“Well, son, go ahead and take several more of these \$10 bills. Actually, you can have *nine* of these \$10 bills for yourself. I will just keep one with me for a snack later,” the father remarks, good naturedly.

Imagine further with me. Both go home. The son goes into his bedroom to sleep that night. The father takes everything out of his pockets, leaving the remaining *tenth* \$10 bill inside the dresser drawer. He goes to sleep. During the night, the son cannot sleep. He turns and tosses. Something inside him that he cannot explain makes him keep thinking about that \$10 bill in his father’s dresser drawer, and then he *stole* the tenth \$10 bill. What are your feelings about that? I imagine you would be incensed and infuriated. You would exclaim with anger, “That son is an idiot, a fool and a thief. He was so unthankful of the nine \$10 bills his father gave him, he stole the tenth.”

Yet, this happens every single day on earth.

Many, unthankful for the 90 percent God permits them to keep, steal the other 10 percent. Instead of gratitude and thankfulness for their health, their energy, favor and friendships—the last \$10 bill is stolen from the hand of the very One Who gave the first \$90 to them.

Another scene. Suppose I told you that the son substituted a \$1 bill in its place in his father’s drawer—in place of the \$10 bill! He hoped his father would not notice the *difference* between the \$1 bill and the \$10 bill. (Maybe he feels that his father would not notice the missing zero!) He steals the \$10 by replacing it with a \$1 bill.

Yes, you are angry again.

Yet this too happens in every church in America every single Sunday morning. People *substitute* a small offering for the tithe God instructed them to give. How tragic!

Do not steal the holy tithe

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