

This Is What We Do—1

5 Reasons I Tithe

מַעֲשֵׂר

ma'aser: one tenth

*“... the LORD will be my God²² ... 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—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

5 Reasons Why I Tithe

1. Tithing teaches me to put God first.

“Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship ... Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God.”

Deuteronomy 14:23 NLT

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

“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God. ...” Exodus 23:19 NIV

It takes faith to give first.

2. It reminds me that God is my source.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV

3. Jesus told me to tithe.

“... You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.” Matthew 23:23 NLT

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% and His blessings 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

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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