



## MR. PIG & ME

### Pt. 3: Tithing

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Read Exodus 13:1 and Exodus 13:11-15. In Exodus, the firstborn among animals that were classified as clean had to be sacrificed, while the firstborn of animals that were classified as unclean had to be redeemed. These two classifications are examples of things to come. God's firstborn Son, Jesus, was clean and had to be sacrificed. We are unclean, and, therefore Jesus was sacrificed for our redemption. In good faith, God gave Jesus first; even when we were sinners. Jesus is God's tithe. Take time today to thank God for His sacrifice and faithfulness.
- Day 2 Read Proverbs 3:9-10. These verses tell you that you are to honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first fruits of the income you've received. When you do this, you invite God's blessing into your life. When you think about your money, parting with it can be one of the most difficult things. Your income represents your hard work, your time, and your energy. The fact of the matter is, God is the one who has blessed you with an income. You have to prioritize God's will in your finances and plan to tithe first. Ask yourself what or who has priority in your life? Are you putting God first or do you put your own desires first? Seek God and be obedient with your first fruits.
- Day 3 Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-11. When you choose to obey God and tithe, you are demonstrating your faith in Him. Your obedience says that you trust the Lord to provide for any need you have. You are honoring Him when you demonstrate this type of faith. At the end of the day, He doesn't need your money, He wants your heart. Read Matthew 6:21. Think about where your money goes, because that's where your heart is. Look at your budget and commit to putting God first. Let Him know you love Him and trust Him to take care of you.
- Day 4 There are many blessings that go along with tithing, but it is the principle of faith and putting God first that initiates these blessings. The first portion, the tithe, is the portion that redeems what you have left. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2 TLB. If you wait until all your needs and wants have been acquired before you give, you'll never be able to properly tithe. God cannot be number one in your life if you've put him last in your budget. God does not want you to give back to him begrudgingly; He desires your heart to be given over to Him in joy. He is looking for you to have faith that He will uphold His promises.
- Day 5 Read Malachi 3:10. God actually invites you to test Him in these verses; better yet, He's double dog daring you to tithe. Take a dare and see how He will bless you. You may be thinking, I can't afford to tithe. Now is the time to take that leap of faith and trust that God will take care of you if you put tithing first in your budget. If you are ready to step up, have faith, and be obedient to God, we dare you take the 90 day tithing challenge. Here's how it works: commit to give 10% of your income for 90 days. At the end of 90 days, if God has not blessed you, we will give you your money back. You can find out more and sign up at [watersedgechurch.net/90daychallenge](http://watersedgechurch.net/90daychallenge). Pray for courage to stand behind this commitment and watch how God will abundantly bless you.

## What's New?

On November 19 and 26 every campus will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Peninsula Rescue Mission. The PRM is a homeless shelter for men located in Newport News. Visit [watersedgechurch.net/fooddrive](http://watersedgechurch.net/fooddrive) for a list of the type of food they need.