



fresh
start

Discovering God through MY
Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-11



1. TITHING HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOD'S PLAN.

Before the “Law” was given:

- A. **Abram** - 10% to Melchizadek, the “priest of the Most High.” Genesis 14:18-20
- B. **Jacob** -10% of my increase. Gen 28:20-22
 - God responded as his “Keeper”



2. TITHING WAS INCLUDED IN THE “MOSAIC” LAW.

Four characteristics to tithing in the Old Testament:

A. Amount - 10%. Lev 27:30

B. First-fruits. Deut 26:2

A. Proverbs 3:9

B. Not from leftovers

C. Best. Ex 23:19

D. “Storehouse.” Deut 12:6, Mal 3:10

Amount. Lev. 27:30 "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD. (ESV)

Firstfruits. Prov. 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; (ESV)

Best. Exod. 23:19 "The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God....

Storehouse. Mal 3:10 "... bring the whole tithe into the storehouse..."



3. JESUS DID NOT ABOLISH THE TITHE. HE GAVE US A REASON TO KEEP IT.

Matt 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Luke 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

- **JESUS DID NOT ABOLISH THE TITHE. HE GAVE ME A REASON TO KEEP IT. (CONT).**
- **Matt 5:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.**
- **John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.**

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- **TITHES AND OFFERINGS WERE TWO SEPARATE TYPES OF GIFTS IN THE BIBLE.**

Tithes vs offerings.

- 1. Tithes were from the “increase,” annually:**
 - A. Tithes were said to “belong” to the Lord.
Lev 27:30, Neh 13:12; Deu 14:22**
 - B. To not give the tithe was to “rob” God.
Mal 3:10**
- 2. Offerings were from the surplus. 2 Cor 8 & 9**



SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN 2 COR 8 & 9

2 Cor 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.



4. MY TITHING ENABLES GOD TO PROVE HIMSELF.

- A. Malachi 3:10 And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” (ESV)
- B. We are not to put God to the test! Deut 6:16, Matt 4:7
- C. 2 Cor 8:5; 9:6, 10-11

- **2 Cor. 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (ESV)**
- **2 Cor. 9:10-11 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. (ESV)**

4. MY TITHING ENABLES GOD TO PROVE HIMSELF. (CONT)

But what about...?

- Deut. 6:16 "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah.
(NAU)
- Mat 4:7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

5. A PROMISE-KEEPING GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN.

- Lk. 6:36-38 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (ESV)



- **Mal. 3:7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' (ESV)**
- **2 Cor. 9:11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. (ESV)**

NEXT STEPS

1. Does your relationship with God need a fresh start? Do you need a “return to God”? Then do so by choosing to return today.
 1. Your tithe is a tangible way to do so.