

## Tithing the Biblical Way

Muslims are obligated to give a zakat to charity, usually 2.5% of the market value of a believer's assets each year. Most Jewish synagogues request an annual membership fee, often based on family income. Mormons must give 10% to the church or they may be barred from temples where ceremonies take place. Some evangelical Protestant churches require new members to sign covenants, promising to tithe or give generously.

**Matthew 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. **Mt 6:21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Where does the 10% come from?

**Genesis 14:20** And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. **NIV/YLT** says "Then Abram gave him (Melchizedek) a tenth of everything."

**Numbers 18:21** And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

**Genesis 28:20-22** And Jacob vowed a vow... and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

**Leviticus 27:30** 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.

**Deuteronomy 14:22-23** You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.

**Deuteronomy 8:18** But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

**Malachi 3:8** Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

**Ezra 2:69** They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work...

### Sowing and Reaping:

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

### Benefits of Tithing:

**Proverbs 3:9-10** Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

**Proverbs 11:24-25** There is that scatters, and yet increases; and there is that withholds more than is meet, but it tends to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that waters shall be watered also himself.

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

### How to do it:

**2 Cor 9:7** As every man purposes in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or out of compulsion; for God loveth the cheerful giver.

**Matthew 6:1-3** Take heed that ye do not your alms before men. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

**Luke 6:35-36** "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High,

## **Tithing the Biblical Way**

I'm going to talk about a delicate subject of tithing, please hear my heart on this and not what we have been hurt by.

I know this subject, like faith, has been abused and in one sense I can understand why big ministries really push the prosperity message, because you realize they have like literally hundreds of thousands of dollars of bills to pay each month, if not each week, like salaries, mailing lists, TV & Radio programs. But that's between them and the Lord, we're not the judge, what we do look for is if the Word is being shared.

If you really looked at the tithing percentage you had a 10% and then another five here, another there's - I don't have the numbers in front of me but I heard it really works out to 35%.

**So where did the 10% come from?** It was way back in Genesis (Gen 14:20) where Abraham give 10% of the spoils of a victory in the war to King Melchizedek who was the type of Christ that's where the 10% thing came from so he gave 10% to the king but that's a spoil... OK that really doesn't fit in with the Christian New Testament view about love.

Your percentage is something you do from your heart where you give not expecting anything in return. Luke 6:35-36

I probably don't need to explain we do things in love and not for a tax receipt or just giving to get something in return (Luke 6:35-36) Here's a side note - when we tithe to Pastor Robert, being in the US, we don't get a tax receipt.

So, tithing as a matter of the heart and God sees the heart. Like I said we do 10% as it's easy to figure out but we actually give about 18 to 20% of our gross income. God has been faithful to us for the past 25 years of our marriage.

Tithe to the Lord the first fruits of wages - I currently work two weeks a month (that's something we asked the Lord for). In normal living we wouldn't be able to survive on a two week wage but I can say right now because our faith in God and His Word, God has provided beyond our needs.

I'm not pointing but the reality is maybe some are not prospering is because they're not tithing - it is that a simple truth!

### **So where do you start?**

If you see this message today as a biblical principle of giving God your first fruits then just start, now.

Maybe start with 5%, 2%, 1% but don't stay there - don't give God the scraps, give Him the first fruits. I think most of us can do 10%. We didn't get to 20% right away, start off with something small maybe for a couple months but do it in faith - that's the whole message - faith/trust in God.

If this is convicting you, that's good! If this is condemning you, that's wrong!

So why not tithe to Pastor Robert's ministry. A good principle is tithe to where you are getting fed.

Again this is for the glory of God because it is a faith walk whether it be 1%, 2%, 5% 10% 20%...90% it is a faith walk.

So my friends, brother and sister, in trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5&6)

That verse has been the theme of our walk of faith walk what time is the prayer we're doing now is father Jesus Holy Spirit healing Tracy is that depends on how my prayer is what do you think of this and you'll get that small little voice that small function we talk about anointing So get that anointing the piece that you know that your in God's will and God will provide some blessings to your folks start teething start believing or actually start believing start typing email amen  
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"Today, most Christians don't tithe. Consider these statistics. According to State of the Plate, only 10–25 percent of church member's tithe. Only 5 percent of the United States population participates in tithing. On average, Christians give 2.5 percent of their income, which is down from the 3.3 percent given during the Great Depression."

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