

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

**So where does the 10% come from?** *The word tithe comes from “teogotha”, which means a tenth.*

**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.”

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

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

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

### **Sowing and Reaping:**

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

### **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 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.

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

**1 Corinthians 16:2** Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

**2 Corinthians 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.

**Malachi 1:13-14** But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD.

### 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**.

**Tithe to the Lord the first fruits of wages** - I used to 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.

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.

### Cherry Picking verse errors:

**Matthew 10:5-10** These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, "**Go not** into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter you not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the **house of Israel**. **And as you go**, preach, saying, 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: **freely ye have received, freely give**. **Provide neither** gold, nor silver, **nor** brass in your purses, **nor** scrip for your journey, **neither** two coats, **neither** shoes, **nor** yet staves: **for the workman is worthy of his meat**."

**Mark 10:21** Then Jesus **beholding him loved him**, and said unto him, "One thing you lack: go your way, sell whatsoever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasures in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

**Mark 12:41-44** And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which makes a farthing. **And He called unto Him His disciples**, and said unto them, "Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow has cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: *for all they did cast in of their abundance*; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

[John MacArthur explains What is Biblical tithing?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EREuBngjI94) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EREuBngjI94>