



TITHING

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Are you feeling ...

Uncertain about giving? That you have limited resources? A desire to share?

WHAT IS TITHING?

Tithing is a spiritual act of worship, surrender and trust as we return to God a portion of what he has given us. For example, the government requires us to pay taxes that enable our country to make roads, protect, provide services, etc. Keep in mind that God established government (see Romans 13:1-7). A tithe is similar but it goes to the church, to help fund the physical needs and services the church can provide. God established the tithing system to provide for the church and to help us worship him in every area

of our life. God highlights this discipline with a special promise, that obedience in this area of our life has its own reward (see Malachi 3:10). Many report that by tithing, they have more than they had previously.

There is a significant difference in how we should look at tithing and giving. Giving goes beyond tithing; it's not a specified amount. Instead we give out of our abundance according to the measure of blessing God has given us (see Deuteronomy 16:17, Luke 6:38).

WHEN DO I APPLY IT?

The biblical standard for our tithe is 10 percent (see Leviticus 27:30). A good practice is to give this 10 percent as the "first fruit" of what you receive, when it is received. The tithe is used to support all aspects of your home church.

Giving is practised as the need arises and could include charitable giving, supporting children overseas, Partners in Mission, Home Missions, etc.

Our tithe and our giving are acts of obedience, and we know that God loves a cheerful giver (see 2 Corinthians 9:7).

READY TO PRACTISE TITHING?

1. Work out your budget and determine an appropriate amount
2. Start giving your tithe regularly to your church
3. After a few months, reflect on its blessings

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