

Great Commission Giving:

7 Glorious Reasons for Tithing

I. God Teaches It In The Bible

A. Abraham Commenced it.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abraham of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Genesis 14:18-20

B. Jacob continued it.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Genesis 28:20-22

C. Moses codified it.

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.

Leviticus 27:30

D. Malachi commanded it.

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:8, 10

E. Jesus commended it.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and

faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Matthew 23:23

But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Luke 11:42

Therefore, bringing tithes and offerings unto the Lord is an act of obedience.

II. It Is An Expression of Our Love For God

A. God loved us and gave His only Son for us.

John 3:16

B. Having experienced the love of God in Christ Jesus when we are saved we come to express love for God.

I John 4:19

C. Jesus taught in John 14:21 that we express our love for God by obeying His commandments. Therefore, by obeying God's command to bring tithes and offerings unto Him, we show we love Him.

D. We may give without loving but cannot love without giving. We give to whomever we love. Be it children, grandchildren, mate, parents, boyfriend, girlfriend, or God.

III. It is An Act Of Faith

By bringing tithes and offerings unto the Lord, **we are expressing faith** that God can take the 9/10ths remaining and do a better job meeting our needs than we could with the 10/10ths.

It is expressing faith that God will do what He has said He will do, He will open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing. Read Malachi 3:8-10

IV. It Is An Act Of Gratitude

By bringing tithes and offerings unto the Lord, we can say **"Thank You, God"** for giving us everything we have.

“Thank you, God, for eyes that see, ears that hear, a heart that beats, lungs that breathe, feet that walk. Thank you for family, friends, food, clothing, shelter. Thank you for prayer, the Bible, Christian friends, the church and most of all, salvation. Thank you for allowing us to live in the grandest, greatest, free nation on earth.”

We acknowledge that all we possess to give we have already received from God. Please see how clearly this truth is taught in Scripture by reading I Chronicles 29:10-14.

Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.
I Chronicles 29:10-14

V. It Furthers God’s Kingdom On Earth

The greatest thing that ever happened to us was coming to know Jesus Christ in a personal, life-changing way. The greatest thing we can do for another person is to help them come to know Jesus Christ.

Tithes and offerings enable your church to have a strong witness for Christ in our community seeking to give every lost person an opportunity to be saved, and every saved person an opportunity to grow in maturity in Christ.

of the world through the missionaries which serve through our Southern Baptist Convention North American Mission Board and International Mission Board. We share in the Support of about 5000 home North American missionaries and more than 5000 foreign International missionaries. Last year thousands of people were saved and baptized through the ministries of our foreign missionaries.

VI. It Helps Keep Our Heart Focused On Eternal Things

Many things we fret and worry about are not eternal. Such things as: health, houses, cars, clothes, certificates of deposit, furnishings, fame, power, position, possessions.

However, the Word of God and the souls of men are eternal. Our tithes and offerings will minister the eternal Word of God to the eternal souls of men.

Such giving brings balance to our lives. We are concerned about the things of God as well as the things of this world. Jesus taught that where our treasure was there our heart would be also.

VII. It Will Provide An Exciting, Spiritual Adventure

There are spiritual and financial blessings that only givers can know.

We can never out-give God. God will be a debtor to no man. Regardless of how big our shovel is, God’s is always bigger.

There are many promises God has made to givers.

1. 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 3:9-10

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Proverbs 11:25

2. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:10-12

3. 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 ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

4. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

II Corinthians 9:6