

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT TITHING

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1. **What does the word “tithing” mean?**

It means the tenth.

2. **Why should the Christian tithe?**

God commanded it *for blessings*. Mal. 3:8-11

3. **Did tithing start under the Old Mosaic Law?**

No, it was a practice by Abraham before the law was given. In Genesis 14:20, Abraham paid tithes of all. This was around 400 years before Moses who was the recipient of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

In Genesis 28:22 Jacob promised tithes to 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."

4. **Does the word tithe or derivatives of the word appear often in the Bible?**

Yes, approximately 39 times tithing is mentioned in one way or another.

5. **Is tithing a scriptural position that a Christian should follow?**

Absolutely! Every Christian should be a regular tither.

6. **Who receives the most benefit from tithing?**

The tither is the one blessed the most.

7. **Is tithing taught in the New Testament?**

Yes. In Matthew 23:23 Jesus speaking to the scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint, anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: These ought ye to have done and *not leave the other undone*."

In the above verse Jesus said we are not to leave tithing undone.

The author of Hebrews wrote in chapter seven, verses 5 through 12 about tithing as it pertained to Abraham, the Levites, and the King of Salem, Melchisedec.

8. **Where should I pay my tithes?**

Bring them into the storehouse. The storehouse is your local church.

9. **Should I pay all my tithes in the local church?**

Yes. The prophet Malachi said: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

10. **If I pay my tithes can I expect God to bless me?**

Here is your scriptural answer: "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 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."

NOTE: This is God's promise to every tither. Don't miss out on this blessing.

11. **What if I don't agree with how my tithe is spent by the local church?**

There will always be points of disagreement about how money is spent in and around the church, but the tither is a giver and once that tithe is released, the giver should never be overly concerned about how it is spent. The tithe blessing comes because of giving. If the church misuses the tithe money, then God will certainly deal appropriately with those who misuse the tithes. True tithing is truly giving it freely and without reservation.

12. **Are tithes and offerings the same thing?**

No. The tithe belongs to the Lord and the offering is something given above the tithe.

13. **What constitutes my tithe portion?**

Ten percent right off the top of our earnings. Remember God has always demanded our first fruits. Read the entire book of Malachi for an explanation of God's word on the subject of giving.

14. **If I don't pay my tithes, is there some extra that I will need to pay in order to make up for my not paying tithes?**

Yes, an additional amount of one fifth should be added. Lev. 27:30,31 says, "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."

"And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto a fifth part thereof."

It's God's idea for us to pay tithes and it's His special way of blessing the giver while at the same time blessing the church.

God blesses the cheerful giver and when we give from our hearts to our wonderful Lord,
He then will bless us abundantly if we give freely according to His plan.