

Let's Give

Lesson One

To Tithe Or Not to Tithe

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Tithe = "ONE-TENTH" or 10% of what God graciously provides you.

What Does God's Word Teach About Tithing for Today?

1. Tithing Is a Great Place to START in Your Giving!

A History of Tithing:

- Abraham COMMENCED it. *Genesis 14:18-20*
- Moses COMMANDED it. *Leviticus 27:30 Deuteronomy 14:22-23*
- Malachi CONFIRMED it. *Malachi 3:8-10*
- Jesus COMMENDED it. *Matthew 23:23*

The Benefits of Tithing:

- When we tithe, we PUT God first in our lives demonstrating that He is the source of all our blessings.
- When we tithe, we PROVE God's promise believing that He will provide for us.
- When we tithe, we PARTICIPATE in God's work insuring that it will be fully supplied.

2. Tithing Is A Great Place To EXCEL In Your Giving!

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2Corinthians 8:7 NIV

God's Giving Guidelines According to 1Corinthians 16:1-2:

- Giving should be PUNCTUAL. *"On the first day of the week"*
- Giving should be PERSONAL. *"let each one of you lay something aside"*
- Giving should be PROPORTIONAL. *"storing up as he may prosper"*

Which standard is higher—PERCENTAGE giving in the Old Testament or PROPORTIONAL giving in the New Testament?

The standard of giving is higher in the New Testament because grace always EXCEEDS the law!

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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. 2Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV

Let's Give: Two Options!

Option 1: Let's give IN PERSON through the giving envelopes (cash or check).

Option 2: Let's give ONLINE through the church website (GlenwoodConnection.org).

The 90 Day Tithing Challenge:

Here's how it works: For the next 90 days, you commit to giving at least 10% of your income to the Lord through His local church. At the end of 90 days, if you don't think it works and you think God hasn't kept His word to you, then just stop tithing and go back to whatever pattern of giving you're following right now.