



GRACE CHRISTIAN CENTER
LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH
Faith Alive in the 21st Century

BIBLICAL TITHING IN YOUR HOME CHURCH
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INTRODUCTION (Matthew 16:19)

How many keys go unused and then you forget their purpose?

- I. **TITHING IS AN ETERNAL PRINCIPLE IN GOD.** (Genesis 14:20b, Genesis 28:22, Matthew 23:23 (NASB))
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Tithing before the Law was voluntary; tithing under the Law was compulsory; tithing under grace is willing, cheerful, and an expression of an alive and faith in Him.

- II. **THE ESSENTIAL TITHES** (Leviticus 27:30, 2 Chronicles 31:4-6, Numbers 18:21a, Deuteronomy 14:27a, 1 Corinthians 9:14, Deuteronomy 14:22-26, Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Proverbs 19:17, Deuteronomy 14:28-29, Deuteronomy 26:12-13)

A “tithing” literally means “one-tenth.”

1. **The Tithe, or Levitical Tithe.** This tithe is the Lord’s, intended for the support of the Ministry.
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2. **The Rejoicing Tithe or the Festival Tithe.** This provides for the costs of worship or operations of the church.
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3. The Alms Tithe, or Poor/Charity Tithe—giving expecting nothing in return, given every third years, or as a third of a tithe each year.

**The total of Israel’s historical and essential tithes was [REDACTED].
God wants you blessed by giving back to Him.**

4. CONTEMPORARY SUPPORT

Larry Burkett, Answers to your Family’s Financial Questions; RJ Rushdoony, Institutes of Biblical Law, Unger’s Bible Dictionary, Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, Smith’s Dictionary of the Bible, Hasting’s Dictionary of the Bible, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Volume 5, The Book of Tobit)

III. WHAT DOES TITHING MEAN TO GOD? (Malachi 3:8-10, Acts 5:1-11, Matthew 6:31-33)

It demonstrates that your heart is His—you trust Him and you’re thankful to Him.

A sermon in the early church: *“The tax collector takes everything which Christ does not receive. Whether it’s tragedy, accident, sickness, or taxes, God sees that you lose the money He wanted you to give to Him, but then you lose the opportunity to bless the Kingdom of God and to receive God’s blessing.”*

Malachi 3:8-9 show us that if one has an income and refuses to tithe to God then the Bible concludes that person is a thief and a robber.

What does one do? Repent, turn around, ask Jesus to forgive you, fall in love with Him again who has given you everything, and give with [REDACTED]. The anointing to receive is affected by the heart to give.

IV. THE LOCAL STOREHOUSE (Malachi 3:10a, Exodus 22:29a, Proverbs 3:9)

Your home church where you receive spiritual strength, nourishment, feeding, teaching—where you worship God and are a part of God's

V. THE RESULTS FOR TITHING BIBLICALLY (Malachi 3:10, Proverbs 11:25, Malachi 3:11, Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:21)

1. Increased blessing. _____
2. Victory over the devil. _____
3. God is your Source of supply. _____
4. Jesus and His Body are the treasures of your heart. _____

CONCLUSION (Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:10 NASB)

Loving disciples freely give.

Malachi 3:10 **NASB**: ¹⁰ "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

NKJV: *There will not be room enough to receive it;*

NIV: *you won't have room enough for it;*

NLT: *room enough to take it in;*

MSG: *pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.*

God invites us to test Him in this. _____

Tithing is an expression of LOVE and TRUSTING relationship with God, and surrender to Him.
