

WHY TITHE

Because the bible teaches us to.

The first thing I want to point out, is that the things or instructions written in the old testament were not done away with the coming of Jesus, as the teaching of some.

Matthew 5:17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.**

Matthew 5:18 **For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

Jesus not only said he didn't come to destroy anything, (Except the power of Death and Hell) but to fulfill.

The old Testament shows us the way, (in essence) how we should live by Grace not the law.

Galations 3:24-25 **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

In the Old Testament it talks about giving God a tenth of the firstfruits of the land and labors of your hand. In Hebrews, Abraham gave a tenth and he was an example for us.

Hebrews 7:2 **To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all;** first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

In Malachi, it says that we rob God if we don't tithe and we are cursed because of it.

Malachi 3:8-9 **Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me,** even this whole nation.

If we do tithe (10%) and give offerings (anything over and above our tithe), God pronounces a blessing, He says: PROVE ME.

Malachi 3:10-11 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.

Now, he also says that we should give freely or lovingly, we are not to give grudgingly.

2Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

I didn't believe in tithing when I first came to the Lord, as we were just living from paycheck to paycheck and didn't have any extra. As a matter of fact we were sometimes short. A few months after we excepted Jesus into our everyday life, I heard an evangelist preach on why Christians seem to just barely get by.

And he said we are cursed because we do not tithe. I did not realize that I was robbing God, after all He was able to get all the money he wanted, he didn't need my little bit. God can do anything, but I didn't realize that he chooses to use us to do it through.

So I started to give 10 % of my take home pay, there were times that some of the bills had to wait, because I had determined in my heart that God came first in my life. Before the mortgage payment or utilities, the tithe was the first payment. I can't remember just how long it went this way, I think about four or five months. Then for some reason we always had enough that nobody had to wait.

Then I heard about offerings, there was a guest speaker at our fellowship and I felt we should give him \$100. well that was like asking me to give an extra \$10,000 in today's realm. I didn't have it, so I went to our pastor and told him I could pay so much a month.

The church stood good for me and God blessed with extra work and my commitment was paid in less than a month.

Within two years we were debt free, had good vehicles, and we always had enough for the family, holidays etc.

Now the Lord did not just dump a load of cash on us, as so many preachers teach today. The blessings came through raises, extra work, prosperous business dealings etc.

Then it was the firstfruits that came to my attention, so I did. And wouldn't you know it, I was short again, but the Lord came first.

Next month we just met everything, and since then we have never been close to that scenario again and that's 33 years ago.

Over the years we have increased our tithes and offerings and still not short.

Luke 6:38 **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.**

Gods Blessings are Love, Joy, Peace, Health, compassion and much much more.

Psalms 1:3 **And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;** his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Trust this will help you

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