

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

The Test of the Tithe...

Malachi 3:8-10 NIV

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' **"In tithes and offerings.** 9 You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing Me. 10 **Bring the whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it

Old English root from "teogothatenth": 10% or the tenth.

Not so true statements about tithing...

✓ **"Tithing is under the law."** (Duet. 12, 14 & 26; Lev. 27:30)

Genesis 14:20 NLT

Then Abram gave Melchizedek a **tenth of all the goods** he had recovered.

Genesis 28:22 NLT

And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and **I will present to God a tenth of everything He gives me.**"

✓ **"Tithing keeps believers in bondage."**

Hebrews 13:5 ESV

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

✓ **"Jesus never said to tithe."**

Matthew 23:23 NLT

23 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. **You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.**

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Got to or Get to?

New Covenant Giving...

1. Justice: We **get** to give the tithe.

Matthew 5:17 NLT

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. **I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets.** No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

Hebrews 8:10 NLT

But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: **I will put My laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts.** I will be their God, and they will be My people.

2. Mercy: We practice putting God **first** by tithing.

Proverbs 3:9 TLB

Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns...

Matthew 6:31-33 NLT

31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 **Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.**

3. Faith: We do **not** limit our faith in Jesus to only **10%**.

Luke 18:20-22 NLT

20 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.'" 21 The man replied, "I've carefully obeyed all these commandments since I was young." 22 When Jesus heard his answer, He said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. **Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor**, and you will have treasure in heaven. **Then come, follow Me.**"

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