

TITHING: A PERSONAL ACT OF FAITH AND COMMITMENT

GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT WHAT'S LEFT

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CALLS FOR FAITH AND COMMITMENT

People give gifts to the church for many reasons:

- ✓ Some give to receive recognition, but as Jesus said about the hypocrites in the synagogues who gave so that they might be praised by others, - "They have already received their reward." (Matthew 6: 2)
- ✓ The best reason to give is simply out of love for God, by sharing one's blessings as a loving response and witness of God's grace.

★ THE TITHE

- ☐ "It is up to every Christian to show "personal" gratitude for God's goodness by returning ONE-TENTH of his/her earnings or gain to meet the needs of the church and *its ministries*."
- ☐ *Tithing is the voluntary, systematic contribution of financial support to the church; voluntary is giving out of love and gratitude for all God gives and provides for us.*

- ❑ SYSTEMATIC GIVING is a predetermined portion of our income as we receive it.
- ❑ "TITHING symbolizes and helps express our commitment to Christ and the church."
- ❑ TITHING may sometimes end with a *public act*, but it begins with a "*personal act*" of faith and commitment. . .

- POINTS TO REMEMBER**
- 1) Why should Christian believers tithe? Answer: Because it is Biblical!
 - 2) Everything that we earn, possess, and/or own, belongs to God!
 - 3) Tithing should not hinge on whether one likes or dislikes the pastor, - rather true tithing should reflect ones love for God and the church.
 - 4) Tithing is *not* something that one should do during times of prosperity, and hedge on during times of financial strife.
 - 5) Tithing is *not* simply a state of mind for the believer; it is a way of life that grows out of personal faith and commitment.
 - 6) Rewards for tithing do not come from the compliments and accolades that may be showered on us by man, but satisfaction is found when we continuously live on God's promises and the truth of His word!

**HOW BIG IS YOUR FAITH
AND HOW STRONG IS
YOUR COMMITMENT?**

"WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD?"										
MY WEEKLY BLESSING	0%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$75.00	\$0	.50	.75	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50
\$90.00	\$0	.60	.90	\$1.20	\$1.50	\$1.80	\$2.10	\$2.40	\$2.70	\$3.00
\$95.00	\$0	.80	\$1.20	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$2.40	\$2.80	\$3.20	\$3.60	\$4.00
\$50.00	\$0	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$5.00
\$75.00	\$0	\$1.50	\$2.25	\$3.00	\$3.75	\$4.50	\$5.25	\$6.00	\$6.75	\$7.50
\$100.00	\$0	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
\$125.00	\$0	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$6.25	\$7.50	\$8.75	\$10.00	\$11.25	\$12.50
\$150.00	\$0	\$3.00	\$4.50	\$6.00	\$7.50	\$9.00	\$10.25	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00
\$200.00	\$0	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
\$250.00	\$0	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$25.50
\$300.00	\$0	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$30.00
\$400.00	\$0	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$40.00
\$500.00	\$0	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
\$600.00	\$0	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$42.00	\$48.00	\$54.00	\$60.00
\$700.00	\$0	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$42.00	\$49.00	\$56.00	\$63.00	\$70.00
\$800.00	\$0	\$16.00	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$48.00	\$56.00	\$64.00	\$72.00	\$80.00
\$900.00	\$0	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$36.00	\$45.00	\$54.00	\$63.00	\$72.00	\$81.00	\$90.00
\$1,000.00	\$0	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
\$2,000.00	\$0	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00
