



Spiritual Bootcamp: Giving

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Intro



I. What is a tithe?



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- Tithing literally means "tenth." It is bring 10% of my income to the Lord.

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- 16 out of 38 of Christ's parables deal with money; more is said in the NT about money than heaven and hell combined; five times more is said about money than prayer; and while there are over 500 verses on both prayer and faith, there are over 2000 verses dealing with money.



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- Martin Luther said, "A Christian must be converted three times: first for his mind; the second for his heart; and the third time for his wallet. And of the three the most difficult conversion is of the wallet."



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3. *"I know I need to give, but how much doesn't matter so long as I give something."*



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- Ps.24:1, "*The earth the LORD's, and all it contains.*" All that we are and have belong to God. How you handle money is very important to God and it is His business. We are stewards, not owners.



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- Tithing and faith are connected. It takes faith to tithe.



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- There are two times that the phrase “floodgates of heaven” are used in the Bible. The first time was in reference to Noah, resulting in a global flood. The second time is in Mal.3:10 in reference to blessings being poured out on the tither.



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- *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt.6:21)*



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- You can give without love (legalism), but you cannot love without giving.



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