



God's Ways of **MANAGING MONEY**

Joyful Giving (4)

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Giving is an Act of Worship

- The primary purpose for tithes/offerings is to give glory to God
 - Recognizing Him as Creator, and to integrate Him into the material side of life.
 - Giving is a significant act of worship that demonstrates gratitude, trust, and love for God.
- Why tithing/offering?
 - The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always **put God first in your lives** (Deut. 14:23b, TLB).
 - Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35).
 - Where you place God in your list of priorities. Your finances simply reflect what those priorities are. What do your finances reveal about the priority of God in your life?
 - Biblical giving is an investment that lasts eternity, creating blessings and rewards.

Tithing & Offering

- What is tithing?
 - Giving a "tenth part" (one-tenth) of one's income as a sacred offering to God.
 - Be sure to set aside **a tenth** of all that your fields produce each year (Deut. 14:22).
 - **A tenth** of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy (Lev. 27:30, TLB).
 - (Abram): And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand. Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything (Genesis 14:20).
 - (Jacob): If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear.... I will give you **a tenth** (Genesis 28:20-22).
 - On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money **in keeping with your income...** (1 Corinthians 16:2).
- Examples of tithing
 - **The first tithe:** All Israelite families give one-tenth of their produce, flocks, and herds to support the Levites.
 - **The festival tithe:** Israelites in Jerusalem give another tenth to sponsor religious festivals throughout the year (Deut. 14:22-27).
 - **The poor tithe:** Israelites had to give a tithe to the poor and needy every third year (Deut. 14:28-29).

The Promise, Place, Day for Tithing

- Place
 - Bring to the **storehouse** a full tenth of what you earn (Malachi 3:10a)
 - The storehouse is the temple or the place where you worship God.
- Day
 - On every **Lord's Day** each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn (1 Corinthians 16:2).
 - Give to God on the first day of the week (on the day you worship) with the first part of your money.
- Promise
 - Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income. Then your **barns will be full**, and your vats will overflow with fresh wine (Proverbs 3:9-10, GWT).
 - God promises that if you honor Him with the first part of your income, He will bless you financially.

Offering

- What is offering?
 - It comes from the 90% that remains in our possession after tithe. It is a personal thanksgiving and repentance of sins.
 - Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you (Deuteronomy 16:17).
- Examples
 - **Burnt offering**: A voluntary offering symbolizing complete surrender to God, with the entire animal consumed by fire.
 - **Grain offering**: Offered as a sign of gratitude, consisting of fine flour, oil, and frankincense.
 - **Peace offering**: A voluntary offering of thanksgiving and fellowship.
 - **Sin offering**: Mandatory for unintentional sins, seeking forgiveness.
 - **Guilt offering**: Addressing specific transgressions requiring restitution.
- Purpose of offerings
 - Worship & Thanksgiving: Expressing gratitude for God's blessings, provision.
 - Atonement: Seeking forgiveness for sins.



Hearts for Giving

- Cultivating a generous heart
 - Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:6-7).
 - Is tithing 10%? Is it required?
- 4 heart attitudes for giving
 - Give **enthusiastically**: Give with joy, knowing that generosity can bring big things to your heart
 - Give **thoughtfully**: Give after prayer and careful consideration (not impulsively).
 - Give **voluntarily**: Give freely (not out of obligation or pressure).
 - Give **cheerfully** with a happy/joyful heart as God loves this type of giving.

Steps for Joyful Tithing

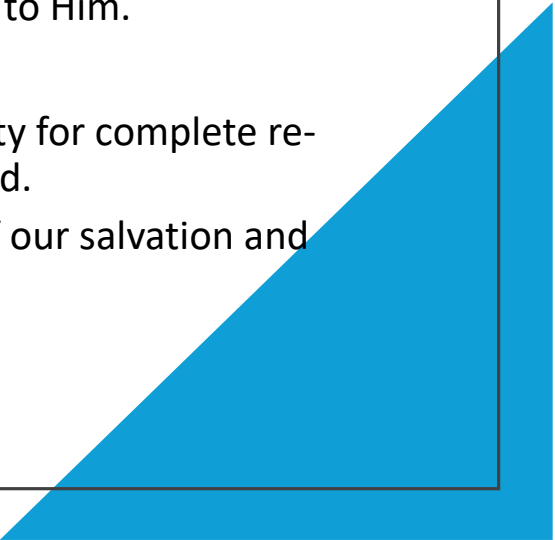
1. Accept our relationship with God
 - Confessing our sin, accepting forgiveness, and rejoicing in our eternal life. We are in a new relationship with Jesus, so when we return our tithe, we are recognizing our salvation in Christ and celebrating Him as our Redeemer.
2. Surrender our ownership and accept His
 - Knowing that everything we have belongs to God. We are only managing it. We worship God with our tithe to remind us that everything belongs to Him, and we need His help to manage the 100% for His honor and glory.
3. Recognize God's care, guidance and love
 - We present our tithe to Him with grateful hearts, recognizing the bountiful blessings He has given.

Steps for Joyful Tithing

4. Accept that we are to be holy to God

- Tithing as worship provides an opportunity for us to accept that we are holy to God (Lev. 20:26), which means we are set apart for His special use.
- In tithing we recognize that we are completely His and every part of our lives belongs to Him.

5. Re-consecrate our lives to God

- Tithing becomes an opportunity for complete re-consecration of our lives to God.
 - We can rejoice in the reality of our salvation and acceptance in Christ
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Final Recommendations

- Use money to grow your character
 - Buy truth, don't sell it for love or money; buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight (Proverbs 23:23, MSG).
 - We like to spend money on comfort, but the Bible teaches that it is wiser to invest in character, in personal and spiritual improvement.
 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! (2 Peter 3:18).
 - God wants you to develop skills, and knowledge so that you can become the kind of person he has shaped to be.
- The tithe is holy and belongs to God
 - A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD (Leviticus 27:30).



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