

Baby Steps with Christ – Free Episode Guide

Is Tithing Really Required — Let’s Talk About It Honestly

Episode Reflection

In this episode, I talk honestly about the pressure, guilt, and confusion many people feel about tithing and giving. Instead of viewing giving as a rule or obligation, I encourage you to focus first on your relationship with God and allow Him to guide you.

Giving should never come from obligation, fear, pressure, or religious performance. When giving is led by God, it becomes something completely different—it becomes joyful, meaningful, and personal.

This guide is designed to help you reflect on what you heard in the episode and consider how God may be leading you personally.

Key Takeaways From This Episode

- Tithing is often taught as a requirement, but relationship with God comes first.
 - Giving should never come from obligation, fear, guilt, or pressure.
 - When generosity becomes transactional—like saying “I give so God will bless me”—it can distort your view of God.
 - God leads different people to give in different ways.
 - Generosity is not always financial. Time, kindness, and helping others are also powerful forms of giving.
 - When God leads your generosity, it brings joy instead of obligation.
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Personal Reflection

Take a few minutes to think about these questions. There are no right or wrong answers.

1. What has your experience with tithing or giving been like?

Did it feel joyful, pressured, confusing, or something else?

2. Have you ever felt guilt or fear connected to giving?

If so, where do you think those feelings came from?

3. How do you currently view giving?

Do you see it more as a rule, or as something that flows from relationship with God?

A Small Step to Try This Week

Instead of focusing on rules or percentages, try something simple:

Every day this week, ask God one honest question:

"God, how do You want me to give today?"

Pay attention to moments where you may feel led to:

- Help someone in need
- Offer encouragement
- Give financially
- Donate your time
- Show kindness in a practical way

If you don't feel led to give at all, that's okay too. God may not be leading you to do so yet. This exercise is about building your relationship with God and learning to follow Him—not acting out of obligation, guilt, or fear

A Reminder

- Your relationship with God is not based on what you give.
 - God is not waiting to bless you only after you meet a financial requirement. He desires a real relationship with you first.
 - As that relationship grows, generosity often grows with it—but it comes from your relationship with God, not pressure.
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Keep Taking Baby Steps

Just keep taking one small step with God at a time.