

# The Tithe

## Malachi 3:8-12

1. What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?
    - a. **Tithe:** A tithe is one-tenth of the annual produce of one's land or one's annual income. It was paid as a tax or contribution to support a church or its clergy.
    - b. **Offering:** The offering is something offered specific like a gift or contribution.
  2. *What had the people of God been doing?*
  3. *Who owns the tithe?*
  4. *What happened as a result of not giving God the entire tithe?*
  5. *Who were the people harming by keeping the tithe?*
  6. *What did God promise would be the results from giving the tithe and offerings?*  
(There would be more blessings than could be held on to)
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1. *Why would there be more than could be used?*
  2. *What would God prevent from being destroyed?*
  3. *Would it be easier to give to others if God prevents what we have from being wasted?*

## Matthew 23:28

1. *Why should we tithe?*
  - a. *Did the religious leaders of Jesus day tithe?*
  - b. *What did Jesus say had been done wrong?*
  - c. *If we are just, merciful and faithful, do we still need to tithe?*
2. *Do we tithe because we want to appear righteous or out of duty or obligation?*
3. *Why do we tithe?*
4. *Do we benefit from giving to others?*

## Luke 6: 38

***Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."***

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

1. *Does what we give affect what we receive?*
2. *Does the attitude with which we give matter?*
3. *What kind of giver does God enjoy? Why?*
4. *What does God do with what we give?*
5. *What can we do so we can give more?*