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Bible Study

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“Improving Your Personal Finances Through Tithing”

Malachi 3: 6-12

Proverbs 3:9, 10 reads, *“Honor the LORD by giving him your money and the first part of all your crops. 10) Then you will have more grain and grapes than you will ever need.”* (CEV) According to these verses, God requires believers to make Him a priority with their money. One way for believers to do this is through tithes and offerings. Tithing is returning ten percent of your income to God through the local church and an offering is a free will gift to God separate from the tithe. This lesson is designed to share biblical information and insight regarding tithing.

I. Who Believed in Tithing

Please read the verses below to discover the individuals who believed in tithing.

1. _____ believed in tithing.

Genesis 14:18-20

“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19) and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20) And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” (NIV)

2. _____ believed in tithing.

Genesis 28:20-22

“Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “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 21) so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the LORD will be my God 22) And this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.” (NIV)

3. _____ believed in tithing.

II Chronicles 31:2-5

“Hezekiah assigned the priests and Levites to divisions—each of them according to their duties as priests or Levites—to offer burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, to minister, to give thanks and to sing praises at the gates of the LORD’s dwelling. 3) The king contributed from his own possessions for the morning and evening burnt offerings and for the burnt offerings on the Sabbaths, at the New Moons and at the appointed festivals as written in the Law of the LORD. 4) He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to give the portion due the priests and Levites so they could devote themselves to the Law of the LORD. 5) As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything.” (NIV)

4. _____ believed in tithing.

Luke 18:10-12

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11) The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12) I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’” (NIV)

5. _____ believed in tithing.

Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.” (NIV)

II. Where Believers Should Tithe

Please read the verses below to discover the place individuals in the Bible gave their finances.

1. _____

Numbers 7:3

“They brought as their gifts before the LORD six covered carts and twelve oxen—an ox from each leader and a cart from every two. These they presented before the tabernacle” (NIV)

2. _____

II Chronicles 31:10

“And Azariah the chief priest, from the family of Zadok, answered, “Since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare, because the LORD has blessed his people, and this great amount is left over.” (NIV)

3. _____
Nehemiah 10:38
“A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury.” (NIV)
4. _____
Nehemiah 13:12
“All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms.” (NIV)
5. _____
Malachi 3:10
“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...” (NIV)

III. Why Believers Should Tithe

Please read the verses below to discover reasons Christians should support the local church through tithing.

1. Christians should tithe because their money _____
to God.
Leviticus 27:30
“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.” (NIV)
2. Christians should tithe because it is _____
by God.
Deuteronomy 12:11
“Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.” (NIV)
3. Christians should tithe to show _____ to God.
Deuteronomy 14:22, 23
“Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. 23) Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the LORD your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.” (NIV)
4. Christians should tithe to avoid _____ from
God.
Malachi 3:8
“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings.” (NIV)

5. Christians should tithe to prevent being _____
by God.

Malachi 3:9

“You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.” (NIV)

IV. What Happens When Believers Tithe

Please read the verses below from Malachi chapter three to discover the benefits of Christians honoring God with their tithes.

1. Honoring God with your tithes can lead to godly _____ .

Verse 10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it” (NIV)

2. Honoring God with your tithes can lead to godly _____ .

Verse 10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” (NIV)

3. Honoring God with your tithes can lead to godly _____ .

Verse 11

“I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in Your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty”. (NIV)

4. Honoring God with your tithes can lead to godly _____ .

Verse 11

“I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in Your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty”.(NIV)

5. Honoring God with your tithes can lead to godly _____ .

Verse 12

“Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.” (NIV)