



Giving is a
'Love Issue'

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“Tithing and Financial Giving”

This is the 4th in a group of series that are all connected.

- a. Prosperity.**
- b. Spirit of Increase.**
- c. Seedtime and Harvest.**
- d. This is #4 > Tithing and Financial Giving**

What is a Tithe?

- 10% of the Increase / Produce of our Income.**

The Word “Tithe” means 10%.

Strong’s Concordance (H6237)

“a primitive root (ident. with 6238); to accumulate; but used only as denominative from 6235; to tithe, i.e. to take or give a tenth:--X surely, give (take) the tenth, (have, take) tithe(-ing, -s), X truly.

What is the Purpose for the people Tithing / Giving Financially?

1) To return to God what is actually his.

> The Tithe money doesn’t belong to humans.

- 2) To supply for God's work on earth.**
- 3) To Test our Hearts. (Do we Love him?)**

- 4) To provide a way that opens an avenue of Blessing / Prosperity in every way (including Financial) for Believers.**

H6238 - Strong's

a primitive root; properly, to accumulate; chiefly (specifically) to grow (causatively, make) rich:--be(-come, en-, make, make self, wax) rich, make (1 Kings 22:48 marg). See 6240.

Money is not the Goal, it's a Tool.

The questions I will try to answer in this series:

- a. God wants us to have money / financial resources and he has provided ways for us to get it.**
 - b. Tithing is one of these ways?**
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- c. What is Tithing, Offerings, and Alms?**
 - d. Is Tithing in the New Testament?**
 - e. Do we give because of the O.T. Law?**

- f. Are we under a curse if we don't Tithe?**
- g. How do I get enough money so I can afford to do this?**
- h. Why should we give?**

- i. Why does God want us to tithe?**
- j. Should we expect to receive from our giving?**
- k. Giving is part of being a Disciple.**

- l. Do I give on my gross or net income?**
- m. Do I tithe on my benefits at work?**
- n. What do we need to watch out for?**
- o. Does God actually need my money?**

The word money is believed to be mentioned approximately 140 times in the Bible. However, in the Bible, words such as gold, riches, silver, and wealth were used to refer to money. Therefore, keeping that in mind, the number of times money or anything similar to it was mentioned was about 2350 times.

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Below is an approximate list of the number of times “Love” appears in different popular translations of the Bible:

English Standard Version: 684

King James Version: 442

New American Standard Bible: 479

New Living Translation: 759

New International Version: 686

The Message: 611

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Let's begin with the Core Issue concerning Giving from God's Perspective.

- All realms of Giving are really a 'Love Issue'.

From God's Perspective: Love is what he looks for and lives by as the core reason for all giving.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- We can give out of Love, then there's the Love that gives more because of the greater amount of Love.**

John 15:12-13 (NKJV)

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

1 John 3:16 (NKJV)

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

1 Corinthians 13:3 (NKJV)

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

- From God's Perspective: True giving must be motivated by love or it has no value.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-8 (NKJV)

7 But as you abound in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us see that you abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.

2 Corinthians 8:24 (NKJV)

24 Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

- Notice: God loves not just Giving, but a certain kind of Giving.

Luke 7:47 (NKJV)

47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.

- Notice the word: “given” in ‘forgiven’.
- Our love for God is proportional to what we feel we have been for-GIVEN.