

**Few Know
God's Complete
Financial System**



**& Are Being Blessed
for Keeping It**

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God Expects Tithing & Blesses Those Who Do

My Mom taught me that as a boy, and I grew up experiencing that. I worked for my Dad in the family laundry from age seven and always had money to go shopping on the weekend with my Mom or either Aunt Margie or Aunt Irene. I looked forward all summer to the day to buy school supplies and clothes, and I could mostly buy my own.

Eventually, I learned that

The Bible commands tithing both in the Old and New Testaments

so there's no question a Christian should tithe. Actually, we should be begging for the opportunity because it's the best investment we could possibly make. The Power of the Universe who owns everything gives us all our needs and our right desires, and then commands 10% back of what's really all His anyway. And then on top of that, He heaps blessings physical and spiritual so we can give all the more!

First, let me address your natural suspicion, I won't be asking you to send me money (Matt. 10:8). God wants His gospel to go free. Freely I have received and freely I give to you. If WordPress sticks any ads on this blog, it's not by my wishes.



\$ Tithes & Offerings

“Return to Me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts ... Will a man rob God? Yet **you have robbed Me!** In **tithes and offerings**. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even *this whole nation*. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, **that there may be food in My house**” (Mal. 3:7-10).

We'd better make sure we can see through the slits who it is we're ripping off! And we'd need a bigger gun against the Being who wields lightning bolts! Is our nation—our world—cursed enough yet?

In the Old Testament, tithes went to the Levites so they could direct the nation spiritually (Lev. 30:30). God called tithes “the Lord’s” and “holy to the Lord.” We should not leave tithing “undone” (Matt. 23:23).

One of the two main ways given in the Bible to return to God is to tithe and give offerings.

With money we always want to know *the return*. Here's the amazing return God promises: “Try Me now in this ... if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be *room* enough to receive it” (v. 10). God challenges us to test Him!

The first time I officially tithed

in deliberative spiritual testing, I wasn't making much but I gave \$25 of the \$250. I mailed it off along with a prayer to God that I was putting His promise to the test. That night at my high school graduation, I wasn't even listening when they called out my name as the winner of a \$100 scholarship because they hadn't given my older sister anything to that college the year before. At the time it didn't occur to me what had just happened. Later that night back home, God poked my spirit that “I just gave you four times back!” Chills!

Experience shows that God usually gives a quick surprise blessing for stepping out in faith as an encouragement to keep going. If you haven't been tithing, look at the opportunity staring you in the face!

In all phases of His complete financial plan, God promises: “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38). We can't outgive God. Somehow what's left will go farther and we likely have no idea how!

God also specifies “and offerings.” That's where God can really see what's in our hearts—like the widow who gave her two mites with all her might!

God blesses anybody who obeys Him regularly with tithes and offerings, especially if they “give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). The Greek word for “cheerful” is *HILAROS* = “hilarious”! When God sees the paltry sum most professing Christians put in the offering plate, you have to wonder if He mutters “You honestly think you’re so generous, loving and giving ... that’s a laugh!”

Statistics say Americans give on average roughly 2% of their income, and the average Christian gives less than 2.5%; ironically, during the Great Depression it was 3.3%!

Notice God’s promised return here: “God is able to make **all grace abound toward you**, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work” (v. 8). We’re talking far more than dollars and cents; we’re talking relationship with God, His Church and His Work!

A big question

Where do you send the tithes and offerings? How do you get it to God’s “house” of food? In my life God blessed me even when I only gave tithes and offerings to what I now know to be a false church. That’s how generous God is in backing up His test-me-now promise!

Today God has no Levitical system. Abraham had direct contact with Melchizedek who was the preincarnate Jesus Christ to give his tithes to (Heb. 7:14, Gen. 14:18-20). It’s worth noting that Melchizedek offered Abraham bread and wine so it may have been at Passover time. Jacob wrestled with that same God and pledged to tithe (Gen. 28:22). It has been calculated that their huge herds today would be worth several millions of dollars!

Today the ideal joy is *finding the spiritual Church of God that is fulfilling the Great Commission of Matt. 28:18-20 and 24:14*. After almost losing my right arm and leg in a motorcycle accident at the end of my sophomore year of high school, accompanied by many miraculous circumstances that showed me God was dealing with me, I thought God had punished me for quitting what I knew was a dead church and **I asked Him to please show me where His true Church was**. I knew God doesn’t ask an arm and a leg! After a two-year journey of growth, He showed me. Ironically, He used my mother

to show me!

The first step in God's amazing financial system is to tithe and give offerings. The carnal mind hates the law of God (Rom. 8:7) and is screaming "I can't afford to give that!" God says "You can't afford not to. Just test Me now. Let Me bless you!"

Few Know About a Tithe That's for Yourself & Your Family!

I'm not exaggerating when I say that what I'm about to share with you here from the Bible can literally change your life.

Did you notice that God through Malachi commanded “tithes” plural!

\$ Festival Tithe

In Deut. 14:22-26 God commands a second 10%, but this one is *for you and your family!* To not only be able to afford to keep the Holy Days God commands but to *rejoice* before God and *spend that money for whatever your heart desires.*”

Talk about a blessing which too few experience: like a paid vacation! Especially the Feast of Tabernacles which you can celebrate in popular tourist destinations around the world. Thanks to keeping the Feast for 48 years, as God commands, I have traveled to Israel and Jordan twice, Europe, the Scandinavian countries, Canada coast to coast, Mexico, Australia/New Zealand, and all 50 states! People ask me how I could afford to do it. God makes it possible by blessing me for saving 10% of the money He blesses my family with to go “fear” and “rejoice” before Him! This year we’re aiming for Steamboat Springs, Colorado!

Actually, the biggest blessing is that you will be saving the Second Tithe because you recognize that it is intimately connected with keeping God’s commanded Holy Days—which is the second way given in the Bible to return to God! That puts you in a select club right there: the “little flock” (Luke 12:32) on the “narrow, difficult path that few find” (Matt. 7:14).

You will be blessed to keep God’s Holy Days which reveal His amazing plan of salvation!

At these seven annual holy days is the only time the Church of God passes an offering plate around, as God directs in Deut. 16:16-17. You give as you are “able according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given

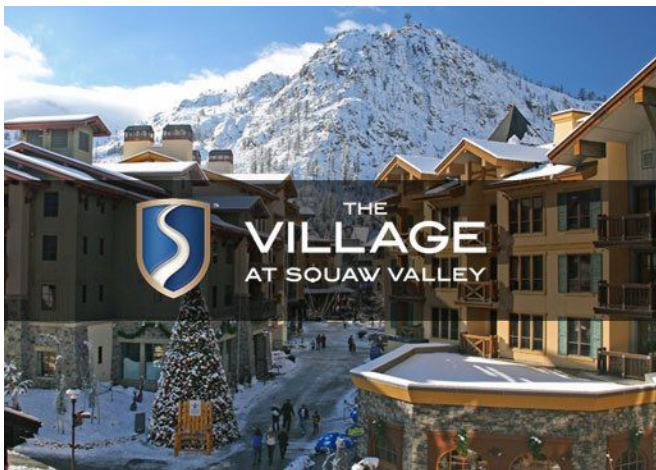
you.”

The next Holy Day is Pentecost on June 9, 2019

One of the main messages of Pentecost is that few are being called in this age to be the firstfruits to help Jesus Christ in His millennial government. There we will teach God’s complete financial system if we are learning it and living it now.

With God’s complete financial system, we’re talking not just financial blessings where you can’t explain how your money—really God’s which He lets you use—stretches so far, but we’re talking joy-unspeakable-and-full-of-glory spiritual blessings. God says our hearts follow our treasure (Matt. 6:21). The spiritual blessings are the best of all.

For those just learning about Second Tithe and the Holy Days who haven’t had time to save up enough to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, and for the poor who just don’t have much, God’s financial system has them in mind. Those with enough 2T are asked to share 10% of it so the Church of God can administer festival help fairly to all. Also, those with enough 2T can go out for a special meal on a Holy Day to fellowship with other brethren and hopefully invite those who don’t have as much.



My first year, I was generously given a dorm room, a cafeteria card and about \$90 spending money to enjoy the Feast in breathtaking Squaw Valley, California!

What an awesome financial plan. I have lived this complete system for 49 years and know the power of it for all! You have time to save Second Tithe for keeping the Feast in October. Who else wants to be blessed!

Few Know About God's Tithe for the Poor

Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you" (Matt. 26:11). The Bible teaches helping the needy, and God provides for them with a special

\$ Assistance Tithe

I promise you, you are not going to want to miss out on the blessings of giving this tithe!

This *also-commanded* tithe is explained in Deut. 14:28-29. The Church as the mother of us all (Gal. 4:26) advises that we start giving this tithe after our baptism, or starting at the first Passover or fall Holy Day after we come to understand the need to give it. This is God's system for caring for the poor, needy, Levite, stranger, widow and fatherless, and probably you've noticed throughout the Bible all of His promises to take care of them. He uses you as His instrument. You give a tithe *every third and sixth year out of a cycle of seven*. After the sixth year, you will skip the seventh and wait until the next third—an extra year.

Let me tell you, it is a test of faith but **you won't want to miss** the third-tithe-year blessing God has in store for you. I absolutely look forward to my next one which starts next year at Passover.

Let me share with you a story that means everything to my life. In 1989 it was the last Sabbath of my third-tithe year. I didn't need financial blessings but I had been seeking a wife for 15 years, and anybody who knew me knew that was my heart's desire. God knew that better than anybody! Even knowing I was at the end of my third-tithe year, I remember I was believing all the more because maybe more than anything else, I know God is The Master Timer. A roommate needed me to take him to Glendora, California, for church. At the door stood a woman who had always caught my eye but was not available. Now God "spoke" to me through my Spirit in Man (Ezra 1:1) that my third-tithe blessing was standing at the door! It will be 30 joyful years come November!

We humans are a tricky lot! Some see what God directs but then decide they think it's better to give not 10% every third and sixth year but "the equivalent" 2.86% (20% divided by 7 years) every year. That takes all the specialness out of it. Just do what God says and be blessed more than you can figure out how!

To cap off a great Third-Tithe year

God specifically says at the end of one, you can confidently come in prayer before God and claim His promise of Deut. 26:12-19. You ask God to bless the whole nation and regard you as a "holy people." You got a better way to help your country?

Obviously, those who need assistance won't be giving this tithe, and Churches of God have administratively directed that brethren living in high-tax countries that already demand more than 10% of their money need not give it. Brethren in those countries can receive help from the government that they would have received from the Church.

That said, one year my wife and I accepted that permission, and I ever regretted it because for not giving it, neither did we receive the usual blessing. I know many brethren who give it anyway despite high taxes.

In the Millennium Jesus Christ and the resurrected saints (you?) will teach and enforce this loving and fair financial system. No progressive taxes to destroy incentive. No taxes period. All give the same tithes and are free to choose what their offerings will be and be blessed accordingly.

God's instructions about Pentecost give further teaching about helping the poor.

\$ Don't reap the corners

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field ... You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger" (Lev. 23:22). People will be taught and encouraged to be giving to all in whatever ways they can. If for some reason that wouldn't physically be enough, God the Father and Jesus Christ "shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Php. 4:19).

God will make five loaves and two fishes feed all with 12 baskets left over—and I'm guessing going to the person who gave God something to bless!

An important parallel principle is that the poor and needy who were able had to come pick the leftover grain. Paul said "If any will not work, neither shall he eat (2 Thes. 3:10). Today's foolish welfare will be worked out!

Where do you send it?

The second tithe you keep safe, hopefully earning interest in a bank, because you spend it on your family. But where do you send the tithe, offerings and third tithe?

The ideal joy is finding the spiritual Church of God that is fulfilling the Great Commission of Matt. 28:18-20 and 24:14. And there aren't that many churches which teach this complete financial system from the Bible and keep God's Sabbaths and Holy Days. That just might be the greatest blessing He will give you for obeying His complete financial system.

Those who have been taught this system don't always follow it completely, so they get blessed to the extent they follow it but *not to the full extent they could be blessed*.

What about you? God says "Just test Me now. Let Me bless you!"



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