

QUESTIONS

Why should you give to God? Why should your giving involve more than money? How should you give to God?

Remember, everything you are and have comes from God. When you tithe, you are merely giving back to God what is already His. And He blesses you for it!

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

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Now that I'm a Christian, I should tithe. The tithe is one-tenth, or giving God one dollar in every ten. Tithing is God's way of helping you to be a vital part of His kingdom on earth. It reminds you that everything you have comes from God and provides you an opportunity for effective stewardship.

IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father” (James 1:17). In tithing and giving offerings unto the Lord, you are sharing your love with others.

WEALTH COMES FROM GOD

The Bible teaches that God gives people the ability and strength to make money. When they do not recognize that their money-earning power comes from God, then they become selfish in refusing to share any of it with Him. When you realize that He has provided this for you, then you gladly give a portion of it back so that His kingdom can prosper on earth.

GIVING IS PUTTING HIM FIRST

Jesus said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things shall be added” (Matthew 6:33). When you honor Him with your income, He then obligates himself to you to fulfill all the needs of your life.

YOU NEED HIS BLESSINGS

You need His blessings more than God needs your money. When you put God first in your giving, you are actually confessing your need of Him. He mul-

tiplies His love to you by blessings too numerous to count. You trust Him, and He supplies all your needs.

His supply is much greater than your need. “My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). His riches never run out.

YOU CAN GIVE MORE THAN MONEY

Some religions teach people to give what they have or what they can do. These are religions of good works, which cannot save. The Christian way teaches that you give what you are. This includes your time, energy, talent, and money.

All of this is summed up in the word *love*. You love; therefore, you give. It was because God loved the world that He gave His Son to save it (John 3:16). “For God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

If you give bountifully, you will reap bountifully. Jesus said: “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal [or, however you measure it out], it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:38).

You are not paying God back but are sowing a seed of faith. This seed springs into life and grows to a greater measure than when it was planted. You sow the seed, and God gives the increase.