

# **Tithing: A Biblical Acrostic**

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## **Tithing Is. . .**

### **Training my heart to fear the Lord.**

Deuteronomy 14:22 & 23; I Corinthians 16:2; Proverbs 3:7; 16:6  
God wants to be honored. Christ is to be preeminent in all things! (Colossians 1:18) Giving to God what is precious to me, makes Him even more precious and helps me give Him worth! Worship is “worth-ship.”

### **Investing God's money in God's eternal work for God's glory.**

Leviticus 27:30; Matthew 6:19-21 (All in this world will burn up – II Peter 3:10-13; all that will survive is what is eternal and has been invested in the eternal. II Corinthians 5:18)

### **Testing God, upon His invitation, to open His windows of blessing after we've opened our wallets of income.**

Malachi 3:8-11 (God invites me to “prove Him” – trusting God to supply all my needs after I've obeyed Him.) If you are rich, don't trust in your riches. (I Timothy 6:17-19)

### **Honoring God with my firstfruits – not dishonoring Him with my leftovers.**

Proverbs 3:9 & 10; Malachi 1:7-8 & 11-14 Sacrificial animals were to be without blemish (a type of Christ), but the Jews of this day were bringing the worst from their flocks and herds. We dishonor God by paying all the bills first—spending all we want on ourselves—and giving Him our pocket change!

### **Increasing my love for God by diminishing my love for gold.**

Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:5; Luke 12:15; Colossians 3:5 The thief isn't truly cured until he learns to give. (Eph. 4:28) “The way to receive – is to give!” (Proverbs 19:17; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35)

### **Nourishing my local assembly so that it can be financially strong and thrive and do God's work without distraction or restriction.**

Malachi 3:10; Haggai 1:4-6 The Great Commission should be the focus of our churches – not struggling to pay the church's bills. The local churches of America and the world could be prospering and growing if 100% of God's people gave at least 10%. Statistics vary from place to place and from denomination to denomination—but those statistics are usually an indictment of the giving spirit of many of God's people.

### **Giving to God what specifically belongs to Him, knowing to withhold it would be thievery from Deity.**

Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8; Exodus 20:15  
Technically speaking, everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1), but the tithe of all our income is His in a special way, and is to be brought to Him. Don't rob God!