

The Gift of Giving

God has designed a giving plan to help the gospel grow and prosper. We are given an opportunity to contribute to God's work through tithes and offerings. Giving back to God helps us to develop unselfishness towards God and others.

1. Giving by tithes and Offerings:

Malachi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In **tithes and offerings.**

2. A tithe is a Tenth (10%) of our income:

Genesis 28:22. and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give **the tenth** unto thee.

Note: Returning tithe helps us not to be Selfish. God gives us the 100 percent and we are to return ten percent to him and some extra for offering. He trusts us to give him back the ten Percent. This demonstrates our trust in His care and unselfishness on our part.

3. Abraham Gave Tithes to the Priest Melchizedek:

Genesis 14:20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Note: The act of giving tithes goes back to antiquity – before Moses time. Abraham gave tithe to priest Melchizedek out of respect for God's Ministry.

4. There is a Blessing in Giving:

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, *if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

More blessed to give than to receive:

Ac 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

5. Curse for not giving back God's tithe:

Malachi 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

6. When you return tithe and offering God prevents things from eating up your finances:

Malachi 3:11 And I will rebuke the **devourer** for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Note: The devour means the pestilence or bugs that would destroy their crops. God promised to stop things from devouring their crops. In other words God would prevent things from eating up their prosperity.

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7. God gives you the power to get wealth:

Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Note: God gives you life, and ability to get wealth which means to make a living and care for yourself and family.

8. God will take care of your needs when you put Him first:

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Note: God knows you have personal physical needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. He will take care of you as you put Him first and seek to do what is right in His eyes.

9. Those who preached the gospel should live of the gospel:

1 Corinthians 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that **they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

Note: Funds are given to help provide for the needs of God's workers who preach the eternal life saving gospel. We cannot place value of eternal life. Those who preach for people to receive eternal life are to be financially supported for their work.

10. Give and it will be given unto you:

Luke 6:38 **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 it shall be measured to you again.

Note: If you give to God, he will give to you. God will take care of those who are supporting His work in saving souls.

11. God loves a Cheerful Giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a **cheerful giver.**

Note: God loves those who give with a willing and happy heart. It demonstrates their appreciation and love for Him.

12. God is a giver:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he **gave his only begotten Son,** that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Note: God is the Greatest Giver. He gave His Son as a sacrifice to pay for all your sins so you may live forever.

13. God will supply your needs:

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall **supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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Note: When Paul of heard of the generosity of the Philippians he assured them that God will supply the needs of those who supply the needs of others.

14. We are to love our God with all that we have and all that we are:

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with **all thy heart**, and with **all thy soul**, and with **all thy mind**, and with **all thy strength**: this is the first commandment.

God wants us to give 10% of our increase to advance His work in saving souls and at the same instant it helps us from being selfish. We show God that He is the source of our blessings by demonstrating our appreciation by returning to Him in helping others.

Do you want to express your love to Him by giving your Time, Treasures and Talents in serving Him?
