

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Scriptural basis for Tithing

MALACHI 3:8-12

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, `How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

1. Give as unto God, not for the purpose to be honored by men.

"so when you give the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth they have received their reward in full." Matthew 6:2

2. Give in secret – God will reward

"but when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:3-4

3. Give to God on the First Day of the week, in keeping with your income.

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up so that when I come no collections will have to be made." I Corinthians 16:2

4. Giving is expressing thanks to God.

"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in my expressions of thanks to God." II Corinthians 9:12

5. Give willingly, not under pressure.

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." II Corinthians 8:12

6. Give generously and God will also give to you generously.

“Remember this: who ever shows sparingly will also reap sparingly and who ever shows generously will also reap generously” II Corinthians 9:6

7. Give according to the decision in your heart, not reluctantly but cheerfully.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7

8. When you give, others will praise God and pray for you.

“Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with every one else. An in their prayers for you, their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! II Corinthians 9:13-15

9. Overall Principle – All we have belongs to God

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not Your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” I Corinthians 19-20

10. Our privilege is to submit all to God

“Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12:1