



“Tithing”
 Malachi 3:6-12
 June 29, 2014

Where Does My \$ Go When I Give to the Church

- Our Church Ministry Plan
- OutLive Your Life (Growing & Giving Emphasis)
- Our Mission Offerings

What Does God’s Word Say About Tithing?

- God Has Called Each of Us to Be a Steward
- Our Resources are from God and to be used for God.

PRINCIPLES FROM SCRIPTURE

God’s Person – He Never Changes

Man’s Problem – Turned Away From the Lord

God’s Prescription – Return to Me & I will Return to You

Man’s Perspective

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- ✓ How Have We Robbed You?

God’s Pronouncement

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\$70,000.00	\$134.62	\$583.33
\$80,000.00	\$153.85	\$666.67
\$90,000.00	\$173.08	\$750.00
\$100,000.00	\$192.31	\$833.33

WHY WE ARE BAPTISTS?

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June 29, 2014 AM Worship

Talking about our Baptist Distinctives

Bible is our sole authority. Autonomy of the Local Church, Priesthood of the believer And this morning, our half way point, Tithing.

ILLUS: Millionaire before the great depression, became wealthy man in Texas and member of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

Very faithful in giving, and his tithing and became known as a generous and kind man to others.

Then the crash of 1929 came and someone asked him, sir how does it feel now that you have nothing. His response “I only have what I gave away.” He understand the eternal principle of this word we call stewardship.

We only have what we have given away. (In heaven) Matthew

The proportion households who tithe, of those who claim to be born again Christians, is about 5% who actually tithe. In our Church we have less than 50% actually give and no idea of those who tithes but let’s just say it this way – We have 387 adult members over 18 and if 200 adults members each gave based off the median income household we would take in 1 million dollars this year.

Right now we have 197 giving units (meaning they gave at least \$100 in the year) and we have given \$270,000 including OutLive Your Life it averages out to \$1370 a giving unit or \$228 a month. To just the Church Ministry Plan, our giving is \$1187 per unit or \$197.83 per month.

Average Christians spend 117% of income, debt is the only to meet all the bills. Research from George Barna - This is why so many don’t give.

Let’s talk then this morning about why give, why tithe, why it’s so important and why it’s important for Southern Baptist. **The Baptist Faith and Message says this about Stewardship...**

“God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their

possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.” Baptist Faith and Message

Where does my money go?

▪ Our Church Budget

- ✓ 6% of what we take in goes to the Cooperative Program (We've already given almost more in 6 months than we gave all of last year)
- ✓ .04 goes to Associational Missions
- ✓ The rest to fund our own ministry here and in the community and that reaches far and wide – right here in Petal and to the ends of the earth and in between

These next 2 our giving beyond our regular tithes...

- **OutLive Your Life** Giving and Growing Emphasis. Our Emphasis to give more over a 2 year period to help us pay the monthly debt note and at the same time finish unfinished space
- **Our Mission Offerings**
 - ✓ Margaret Lackey (State – MS) \$3,213
 - ✓ Annie Armstrong (National – NAMB) \$7,942
 - ✓ Lottie Moon (International – IMB) \$20,704 **\$31,59 total** Just 2 years ago – Giving was \$3,426!

What Does God's Word Say About Tithing?

- **God Has Called Each of Us to Be a Steward in every area of our lives** In order to be able to tithe and give, we must be a good steward of the resources that the Lord has entrusted with. The Lord never promises to give us all we want, but all we need. Our problem is we spend too many of our resources on what we want, which then leaves us in need.
- Our Resources Are All Given By God and to Be Used For God
“The earth is the Lord's and everything in it”
- It is One of Our Greatest Privileges to Be Able to Give and that is the reason why Satan tries to twist it and make it something negative. He knows the great joy and blessings that come when we give sacrificially

unto the Lord and His Church!

PRINCIPLES FROM SCRIPTURE

God's Person – He never changes – thank goodness He doesn't or we would all be dead! He is unchanging, the same yesterday, today and forever. Anchor our faith to God because of his character Faith, taking God at His word.

God knows everything about the over 7 billion people, their breaths, heartbeat, blink, what you will do and say, God is so huge yet so connected. We anchor our lives to Jesus Christ this week, no matter what happens.

Man's Problem – We have turned away from God's statutes and not kept them

God's Prescription – Return to Me & I will return to you

Man's Perspective Asks 2 questions, both of which they already knew the answer too, yet the Lord answers them patiently and forthrightly!

✓ **How Do I Return?**

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God's Pronouncement Command –

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What is a Tithe? Why Tithe? Is it Biblical? Isn't it OT?

ILLUS: Man in desert, dying of thirst, comes to a well, cup of water there just enough to prime the pump, what does he do. Drink the cup of water and live or trust and have faith that it will bring him more water than he could possibly consume. Doesn't make sense to us how we can live on just 90% and give away 10%.

God will make our 90% go further than if we had the 100% to start with. But Brad, that makes no sense, how can 90% go further than

100% I'm not good at math either, but even I can see that. How does it happen?

God can make 90% go further than 100%, yes!! God has been pulling that off in my life since I was a child Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse, where is that now, the church

Is that before or after taxes, if you wait till after taxes you won't have much to give (If you have to ask, it is a heart issue before God)

Jesus said, wherever your treasure there your heart is. He understand that the closest thing to our heart is our pocketbook and if can get our treasure, or money and our willingness to give, He knows He has our heart.

God's Promise -

✓ Test Me and Try Me

We have to be careful if we will test God.

God says, test me in this If you want to return to me, back in right fellowship with God, do it right. Then test me in this, says the Lord
[I Corinthians 4:2](#)

✓ I Will Open the Windows of Heaven & Pour Out the Blessings

Pour out so much blessing that you cannot stand it, not have enough room for it. Don't you want to see God's blessings poured out on your life, even more than today.

✓ I Rebuke the Devourer

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If I am faithful, personally, and you are personally, then God will do something spectacular, wonderful in the eyes of our community, county, state, country, and even the world.

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