Tithing FAQs

1. Do I tithe on my gross or net income?

Tithe on your gross income. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse" is an instruction found in Malachi 3:10.

2. I've tithed on my gross income all year, do I tithe on my tax refund?

No. Because you've tithed on your gross income, you have already tithed on the tax refund.

3. I was given a car (or other non-cash gift), how do I tithe on it?

Determine the value of that gift and calculate your tithe based upon that value.

4. I own a business. Should I tithe on the total revenue of the business?

No. Your business overhead is not increase to you. Tithe on the increase to you. This includes your income and any additional profits produced by the business.

5. I have a lot of debt, should I still tithe?

Yes. The Bible makes no exceptions for tithing. Tithing, in fact, is a faith issue. Make necessary adjustments in your financial decisions, and trust God that He will meet your needs as you put Him first in yourfinances.

6. Can I give my tithe to needy people or other organizations than my own home church?

The tithe is to be brought to the church. You should absolutely give to the needy or other great organizations, butthetithe is to be brought "into the storehouse." The storehouse mentioned in Malachi 3:10 was located at the temple to provide for church leaders so they could remain focused on ministry endeavors.

7. I have tried tithing, but I can't seem to get ahead.

This can happen for many reasons. Consider how you are managing the other 90% the Lord has provided to you. It is important to recognize that the Lord owns everything (Psalms 24:1), and we must manage all of it in a way that honors Him. Ask the Lord to lead and guide all of your financial decisions.

8. My spouse does not believe in tithing. What should I do?

It is important to be unified in your marriage. A couple is "one flesh" (Genesis 2:24), and it is important to pursue unity. Pray that the Lord would bring your spouse into unity with you about tithing. If you produce income, you could seek an agreement to tithe on that income.

9. Is tithing a salvation issue?

No! Your salvation was bought with the blood of Jesus Christ. Tithing is not a salvation issue. It is an issue of obedience and blessing.

10. Isn't tithing an Old Testamentidea?

Tithes were before the law, during the law, and after the law. Jesus actually affirmed the tithe in Matthew 23:23.

11. Are we doing this 90-day Tithe Challenge because the church is having financial difficulty?

No. The church is doing this not because we want something from you, but because we want something foryou.

What are some scripture references for tithing?

• Malachi 3:10

"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 there will not be room enough to store it."

Matthew 23:23

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting theformer."

• Psalms 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"