



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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10 Biblical reasons to return your tithe and give offering to your church.

In your financial practices, do not forget tithe and offerings. "Tithes and Offerings are only meaningful when they reflect who we are in relationship to God. They express our worship and praise to God, and our willingness to admit that He is the Owner that all we have comes from Him. When it comes to offerings God demands the best, anything less would be a form of idolatry. Only after we have given ourselves to Him can we truly worship Him with an offering."

Benjamin C. Maxson, Dynamic Steward, vol 8, no 4.

If everyone in your church followed your pattern of giving, would your church receive a fallen, a tip, a tithe or more?

Here are the 10 Biblical reasons to return your tithe and giving offerings to your church.

1. It is a proven pattern of giving done by Christ followers for many generations and your children will your footsteps. Genesis 14:17-20, 28:16-22, Leviticus 27:30. Proverbs 3:9-10. Malachi 3:8-10, Matthew 23:23.

2. It will help you reverence God more in your life. By giving the best of what you have been given to God, you are expressing your allegiance to Him, and you will grow in your respect for the Lord and His working in your life. Deuteronomy 14:23, Malachi 1:6-8

3. It will bring God's wisdom and order to your finances. When it comes to finances, the first button to get in place is your giving. When you get this area in order, everything else follows. Giving is also the only known antidote for "affluenza" (the desire for more things) that permeates our world today. Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34; Luke 12:16-21; Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Ecclesiastes 5:10

4. It will allow you to experience God's creative provisions. When you acknowledge God's ownership through your generous giving, you begin to experience His creative provisions in amazing ways.

5. It will encourage your spiritual growth and trust in God.

By going ahead and giving to God, your trust in the Lord will grow and you will grow in your ability to see Him provide.

Deuteronomy 14:23, Proverbs 3:5-6, Malachi 3:10, Haggai 1:4-11, 2:15-19; 2 Corinthians 8:5

6. It will ensure you of treasure in heaven.

Jesus encourages you to store up treasure in heaven. The only way to do this is to live generously now. Someone once said, "We can't take it with us, but we can send it on ahead." Timothy 6:18-19, Matthew 6:19-21, Hebrews 6:10, Ill John 8, I Samuel 30:22

7. It will strengthen the work of your local church. Many churches struggle for lack of finances. However, when people in a congregation gain a vision for being faithful givers to God at their local church, the whole spirit of a church begins to change and the needs are met, people are cared for, more outreaches begin to take place, and long-awaited improvements start to happen. Acts 2:42-47, 4:32; 2 Corinthians 9:12, 13

8. It will give you the opportunity to participate in God's mission in providing for pastors and missionaries.

1 Corinthians 9: 9-11; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Galatians 6:6

9. It will help accomplish needed building projects and renovations. Building projects only happen well with special gifts that are "above and beyond" people's normal giving.

2 Chronicles 24:4-14, Exodus 35,36; II Kings 12:2-16, Ezra 1:4-6, I Chronicles 29:2-19

10. It will serve as practical reminder that God is the owner of everything in life. By faithfully returning to the Lord the tithe and offering of all you receive, you are actively acknowledging His ownership in your life.

1 Chronicles 29: 11-18; Psalm 24:1-2, 50:10-12;



"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things"

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. (1932-1963). Church Manual (1932-1963). (Vol. 5, p. 131).

Today, there is still hope for you. Therefore, I encourage you to regularly return your tithe and give offerings to your local church.

Seriously, keeping for yourself what belongs to God will affect your faith and your life.

