

What does The Bible say about Tithing?

The word "tithe" is derived from the Hebrew word ma'aser and it literally means a tenth. Ten percent of everything belongs to the Lord. In Malachi 3:10, God says, "*Bring the whole tithe into **the storehouse** that there may be food in my house.*" The 'storehouse' is the Old Testament picture of the New Testament church. So as New Testament believers, we worship the Lord with the tithe; or the ten percent.

But giving away 10% of your income can be a big and often frightening commitment! That's why we created the Three Month Tithing Test: a money-back guarantee of sorts. Essentially, it's a contract based on the promises of God in Malachi 3:10, where the Lord says "**test me in this**, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it." We commit to you that if you tithe for three months and God doesn't hold true to His promises of blessings, we will refund 100% of your tithe. No questions asked.

God doesn't need our money. He owns everything, but He wants us to "**excel in the grace of giving**" (2 Corinthians 8:7). We give first because it takes faith to give first and God wants us to trust Him. He tells us in Proverbs 3:9-10 to "*honor the Lord with your wealth, with **the first fruits** of all your crops and then your barns will be filled with overflowing.*" We give first and the blessings of God follow.

Take the Three Month Tithing Test

Test God's faithfulness by "tithing" (giving 10% of your household income) to God through VALLEY Christian Church for a three month period. At the end of the three month period, if you're not convinced of God's faithfulness as a result of your obedience to His Word, then you will be entitled to a refund of the full amount of contributions made during that three month period.

Terms:

- I understand that the sign up form must be completed and received by VALLEY Christian Church prior to the beginning of the Three Month Tithing Test. Therefore, the start date must be today's date or a future date.
- I understand that my household qualifies for participation because we have not been tithing for the last six months.
- I understand my tithe must be paid by check, by completing an offering envelope, or by logging in with my user profile online so that my tithe can be properly credited.
- I understand that I cannot seek a refund prior to the end of the Three Month Tithing Test period, and I cannot seek a refund for any contributions made prior to the beginning of the Three Month Tithing Test period.
- I understand that any request for refund must be received by the church within 30 days of the end of the Three Month Tithing Test period.
- I would like to test God's faithfulness by accepting the Three Month Tithing Test. I agree that for the three month period I state, my household will contribute to God, through VALLEY Christian Church, a tithe equal to 10% of our income. At the end of the three month period, if I am not convinced by God's faithfulness as a result of my obedience to His Word, then I will be entitled a refund of the full amount of contributions made during that three month period.