



Tither's Rights

GLORIA COPELAND & PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS

DAY I—Tithing: Our Foundation for a Prosperous Life

A. Luke 16:10-13—Handling Money Is Step One

1. Verse 10 (AMPC): “He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest and unjust also in much.”
2. “We should think about what we are doing. Are we being faithful in the little? Somebody might say, ‘Well, I just have a little.’ Well, if you’ll be faithful, you’ll have more.”
—Gloria Copeland
3. Verses 11-12 (AMPC): “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the [case of] unrighteous mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions), who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?”
4. The handling of someone else’s money is the testing ground and basic qualifier for Kingdom promotion and being entrusted with true riches.
5. This all begins with the proper handling of what belongs to God.

B. Leviticus 27:30—What Belongs to God?

1. Verse 30: “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord.”
 - a. NLT: “One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.”
 - b. First things first: we must be faithful with the tithe.
 - c. “If you’re not faithful with the tithe, the 10 percent, then you’re misusing God’s money.” —Gloria Copeland
 - d. Tithing is an investment. The Lord turns around and uses it for our spiritual growth and development.
 - e. “God takes that tithe, and He spends it on getting us whole.” —Gloria Copeland
2. “Tithing lays the foundation for financial success and abundance.” —Kenneth Copeland, *Word of Faith Study Bible*
3. “You will never increase supernaturally nor grow financially until you tithe.” —Gloria Copeland, *Hidden Treasures*
4. “A tithe does not become a tithe when we give it. It becomes a tithe when we get it. The moment we receive our paycheck (or any other income), it becomes a tithe—not when we bring it into the house of God. It becomes a tithe the moment it comes into our hands.”
—Bill Winston, *The Power of the Tithe*
 - a. The question is: What are you going to do with it?
 - b. Are you going to be faithful with what belongs to God?





- c. Or, are you going to spend God's money on something else?
5. "You can't go buy a stereo with that tithe. The man will sell it to you. But, the devil just watched that transaction." —Bill Winston, *The Power of the Tithe*

"When you begin to desire to walk in God's prosperity, it is imperative that you start out on the first step of tithing. That is the foundation of prosperity. I can remember that we knew it was right to tithe, but we were so broke that we just didn't do it very well. We would tithe a few times and then we would let it get behind. Then, we would try to catch up. As long as we did that, we never enjoyed prosperity. But, when we made a determination to tithe because it was in the Word, then we walked in the blessings of God. Tithing is the foundation to prosperity."

—Gloria Copeland, *Bring Ye All the Tithes*

C. Malachi 3:8-12—A Tither's Bill of Rights

1. Verse 8 (AMPC): "Will a man rob or defraud God? Yet you rob and defraud Me. But you say, In what way do we rob or defraud You? [You have withheld your] tithes and offerings."
2. Verse 9 (AMPC): "You are cursed with the curse, for you are robbing Me, even this whole nation."
3. Verse 10 (AMPC): "Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

TITHER'S RIGHT #1: PROVISION

4. Verse 11 (AMPC): "And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts."

TITHER'S RIGHT #2: PROTECTION

5. Verse 12 (AMPC): "And all nations shall call you happy and blessed, for you shall be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts."

TITHER'S RIGHT #3: PROMOTION





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DAY 2—The Tither's Top Ten

A. Monday Review

1. Luke 16:12 (AMPC): "And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?"
2. The handling of someone else's money is the testing ground and basic qualifier for Kingdom promotion and being entrusted with true riches.
3. This all begins with the proper handling of what belongs to God.
4. Leviticus 27:30 (NLT): "One-tenth of the produce of the land...belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.
5. "Tithing is the foundation to prosperity." —Gloria Copeland
 - a. "When we started tithing, we were at *minus*—nothing was left over. But we saw it in the Word, and we said, 'We're going to tithe. We're going to do that first,' and that's the key." —Gloria Copeland
 - b. "You don't wait until you think you can afford to tithe—you'll never get there." —Gloria Copeland

B. Malachi 3:8-12—A Tither's Bill of Rights

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 - a. "If you think you can give God the leftovers, you won't even have leftovers."—Gloria Copeland
 - b. "Think of a man that's not giving God His small part of his life's income. It's costing him everything. It's too expensive not to tithe, and it's too blessed to *not* tithe." —Gloria Copeland
 - c. "There's a curse plan connected to *not tithing*. God's not doing it. You're doing it. God's not punishing you. You just haven't done what it takes to be blessed." —Gloria Copeland
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TITHER'S RIGHT #3: PROMOTION

C. The Tither's Top Ten

1. The tithe is the top 10 percent of our gross income.
2. The tithe belongs to God.
 - a. Matthew 22:21: "...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."
3. We present our tithes to Jesus.
 - a. Deuteronomy 26:3 (AMPC): "And you shall go to the priest who is in office in those days..."
 - b. Hebrews 7:8: "And here men that die receive tithes; but there he (Jesus) receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth."
4. We give our tithes in faith.
 - a. Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
 - b. "Without faith—tithing and faith—you're not eligible to receive THE BLESSING. We've got it made if we'll just do it."—Gloria Copeland
 - c. "Don't just tithe. Tithe in faith. Do it believing that when you tithe, God rebukes the devourer for your sake. Tithe believing God's promise that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out such a blessing that you won't have room to receive it."
—Gloria Copeland, *Hidden Treasures*
5. We tithe our tithes with words.
 - a. The tithe is something we give.
 - b. Tithing is something we say.
 - c. Deuteronomy 26:3: "And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him..."
 - d. Hebrews 3:1: "Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."
 - e. We tithe the tithe by speaking over it from a heart full of faith. It's not just something mechanical that we do.





“If you’re not a tither I guarantee you, you can look back in your life, and you can see where your fruit was destroyed, where your situation didn’t work out, where your job didn’t come to full fruition, where you weren’t able to do what you intended to do. That’s what happens to people that don’t tithe. What’s missing? THE BLESSING!”

—Gloria Copeland

6. Tithing protects the remaining 90 percent of our income.
 - a. Malachi 3:11: “I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he will not destroy the fruits of your ground.”
 - b. Give God what is His and He will protect what is yours.
 - c. “As you honor God with the 10 percent that belongs to Him, He’ll get involved with the rest. The other 90 percent will go further than ever before because you have gotten the supernatural power of God involved with your finances.” —Gloria Copeland, *Hidden Treasures*
7. Tithing is the only place where God says, “Prove Me.”
 - a. Malachi 3:10 (NLT-96)—“Try it! Let me prove it to you!”
 - b. MSG: “Test me in this and see if I don’t open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.”
8. Tithing is our covenant connection.
 - a. “Refusing to tithe disconnects you from the covenant of blessing.” —Gloria Copeland
 - b. Joshua 6-8—Achan hid the tithe in his tent. Because of that, Israel was defeated at Ai. Achan confessed and Ai was defeated.
9. God reinvests our tithe for our spiritual benefit.
 - a. “When you tithe, God is giving you the 90 percent and receiving just 10 percent for His work in the earth to provide ministry for you.” —Kenneth Copeland, *Word of Faith Study Bible*
 - b. “You can never out-give God! He always gives back His 10 percent to see to it that you are perfected, equipped and edified.” —Kenneth Copeland, *Word of Faith Study Bible*
10. Tithing opens the door to THE BLESSING.
 - a. “Tithing is the open door to THE BLESSING that God set forth that is going to meet your needs, give you what you need, bless you, keep you well and prosperous.” —Gloria Copeland

**“Ken and I never prospered for real until we started tithing.
We always had financial trouble until we started tithing.
It’s not just doing it though. You have to put faith with it.
Find out what the Word says and put faith in it.”**

—Gloria Copeland





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DAY 3—The Windows of Heaven

**Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
that there may be meat in mine house,
and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts,
if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing,
that there shall not be room enough to receive it.**

—Malachi 3:10

**“If you don't want blessing poured out on you and the windows of
heaven open, you don't have to tithe.”**

—Gloria Copeland

- A. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts”
1. Bring all your tithes into the storehouse.
 - a. Depository
 - b. Treasure house
 - c. Magazine of weapons in God's armory
 2. “Meat” is spiritual revelation of the Word.
 - a. Your tithe goes where the Lord has stored up wisdom and revelation for you.
 - b. Proverbs 2:7—He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous.
 - c. Your tithe goes to where you are being rooted, grounded and established in the Word.
 3. Deuteronomy 26:2—Take it to the place which the Lord your God has chosen.
 4. Prove Me now.
 - a. Malachi 3:10 (GNT)—“Put me to the test and you will see.”
 - b. Let me prove to you that tithing actually works.
 5. “Notice that He said, ‘Prove Me NOW.’ Start tithing NOW. God is ready to move in your finances NOW. You wait...He waits.” —Kenneth Copeland, *Bring Ye All the Tithes*

**“George, take notice that the phrase, ‘Lord of Hosts’ is used 22 times in the
book of Malachi. That phrase is used in direct connection with a direct
command of the angelic forces. He is earmarking the job of the angels.”**

—Kenneth Copeland's comments to Pastor George





“Lord of Hosts = Lord of all His armies and He will use them for whatever He needs. This has to do with His sovereignty. He will do whatever it takes.”

—Gloria Copeland

B. “I will open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing. . . .”

1. *Windows* (HEB) = Floodgates. “Floodgates” mean:
 - a. Google online dictionary = “A last restraint holding back an outpouring of something powerful or substantial”
 - b. Merriam-Webster = “Something serving to restrain an outburst”
2. It is the same word used when the earth was flooded in Genesis 7:11.
 - a. He will pour out a flood of blessing on the tither through the same windows He poured out the flood of water.
 - b. For the tither, it is a great flood of every kind of provision.
 - c. *Pour* (HEB) = Empty out
3. CEV: “I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with BLESSING AFTER BLESSING.”
4. NIV: “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.”
5. Insights

“Don’t let Satan’s excuses keep you from faithfully honoring God with your tithes. The ‘windows of heaven’ represent an outflow of God’s blessing showering you in every part of your life. It is God responding to our obedience to His Word. Why would anyone want to close those windows in their life?”

—Jerry Savelle, “Three Tither’s Rights Every Christian Should Know”

C. “There shall not be room enough to receive it.”

1. ESV: “Put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”
2. NASB “[I will] open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”
3. ISV: “[I will] Pour out on you blessing without measure.”
4. From Gloria Copeland’s personal Bible notes on Malachi 3:
 - a. “A flood of blessings can’t be contained. Don’t try to contain it. Let it go through you.”
 - b. “It will pour out until there is no more in heaven. If necessary, we will create more.”
5. “Opening the sluices (A sliding gate or other device for controlling the flow of water) of heaven is a figure, denoting the most copious supply of blessing, so that it flows down from heaven like a pouring rain until there is no more need. It is poured down in superabundance.” —*Commentary on the Old Testament, Volume 10*





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DAY 4—The Devourer Rebuked

**And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;
neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,
saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed:
for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts.**

—Malachi 3:11-12

A. "I will rebuke the devourer."

1. *Rebuke* (HEB) = Cripple, paralyze, stop
2. *Devourer* (HEB) = To eat, seed eater, crop-destroying pest, consumed of fire, to burn up, to be wasted
3. The tither has rights, and one of those rights is protection from the devourer and his attempts to devour any area of your life.
4. One thing that is revealed in this scripture is that Satan is attracted to fruit.

**He would like to destroy the increase God brings into your life.
Look at the things in your life that are growing or increasing—your family,
your ministry, your business and your relationship with God. These are some
of the fruits or increase that are in your life. God promised us that Satan will
not destroy our fruit and that He would give us divine protection."**

—Pastor Bill Winston, *The Power of the Tithe*

5. "If you are in a financial situation that looks bad, come against Satan according to this scripture. Use your privileges as a tither to combat and defeat him. Speak the word of faith and rebuke the devourer." —Kenneth Copeland, *Bring Ye All the Tithes*

**"The tithe gives us position. The tithe blesses us.
The tithe puts us in position for victory."**

—Gloria Copeland

B. "He shall not destroy the fruits of your ground..."

1. NIV: "I will prevent pests from devouring your crops."
2. MSG: "For my part, I will defend you against marauders, protect your wheat fields and vegetable gardens against plunderers."





3. The devil will take advantage of money that is not tithed.
 - a. You'll have to spend it on one crisis after another until it is all used up.
 - b. After the refrigerator needs repair, the car breaks down.
4. Tithing is the barrier that stops the devourer from eating away at our lives, which includes our money, possessions, investments and time.
5. Tithers' rights cover every economic situation.
 - a. They put you above and not beneath the economy.
 - b. A.W. Copeland, a faithful tither, always had a job throughout the Depression.

C. "Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field."

1. "The tithe protects the harvest." —Gloria Copeland
2. NLT-96—Your grapes will not shrivel before they ripe.
3. *Cast* (HEB) = To miscarry
 - a. Exodus 23:25-26 (NIV): "Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span."
 - b. "The devourer should not cause the vine to be abortive, or cast its fruit before its time." —John Gill, *Exposition of the Old and New Testaments, Volume 6*
4. Give God what is His and He will be free to protect what is yours.
5. As a tither, your finances should not be drained.

**"You're a tither: satan's power over you, financially, has been stopped!
When you stand on the covenant of God as a tither and exercise your tithing rights,
satan has no chance against you."**

—Kenneth Copeland, *Word of Faith Study Bible*

D. "And all the nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

1. Genesis 12:3 (GNT)—"Through you, I will bless all the nations."
2. One fifth of 1 percent of the world's population is Jewish.
3. Yet, the Jews have been at the center of most of the world's creative, scientific, innovative and cultural achievements.
4. They make up 23 percent of the Nobel Prize recipients.
5. Israel has the third highest entrepreneurship rate in the world.
 - a. Highest rated among women in the world!
 - b. Highest among those 55 and above in the world!

**"God planned for Israel to be so financially blessed
that they could loan money to other nations. Deuteronomy 28:12
'Thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.'"**

—Gloria Copeland, *Hidden Treasures*





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DAY 5—The Blessing of Increase

A. Proverbs 3:9-10—The Blessing of Increase

1. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."
2. AMPC: "Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the first fruits of all your income; so shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine."
3. "We tithe the first and the best. The blessing of increase is on the rest." —Gloria Copeland
4. "God wants our first and our best. Why? Because He is going to give us His best. He wants our best because He is going to make us like Him." —Bill Winston, *The Power of the Tithe*
5. Give God what is His and He will increase everything that is yours.

B. Verse 10—"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

1. The Old Testament was an agrarian culture. Agriculture was their primary medium of exchange and income.
2. Present day barns would be bank accounts.
 - a. "Whatever you consider as your storage place, God says it will be filled with plenty. The Word says 'storage places' so expect big." —Gloria Copeland, *Hidden Treasures*
3. From John Gill's *Exposition of the Old and New Testaments, Volume 4*
 - a. Your barns will be filled with, "plenty of corn; so that there will be a sufficient provision of bread for the ensuing year and of seed for the sower when the time of sowing returns."
 - b. Instead of being, "losers by honoring the Lord with their substance, they should be gainers by it; instead of having less, (they) should have abundantly more."
 - c. "As the former clause denotes plenty of eatables, so this of drinkables; and both fullness of all sorts of provisions, promised to the liberal man."

"People think, I don't even have enough now. If I tithe, I won't have enough for sure. Well, that's why you don't have enough now.

You are not giving God opportunity to come in and work on your money."

—Gloria Copeland

4. "As a result of our tithing, we will breakthrough into overflow." —*Commentary on the Old Testament, Volume 6*





5. "Tithing is the way to never go without. Instead, you'll watch your storage places fill up with plenty until they overflow with good things." —Gloria Copeland, *Hidden Treasures*

C. From *God Is My Landlord* by Raymond J Jeffreys

The book and documentary tell the story of a Christian man named Perry Hayden. He ran his family's flower mill. When the mill was on the verge of bankruptcy in 1936, Perry consistently paid his tithes. As a result, the mill was saved.

One Sunday morning in 1940, Perry heard a guest minister preach a sermon in church about tithing. His scripture verse was John 12:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

When the service was over, Perry made a remarkable statement. "I am going to take God at His Word."

It was wheat planting time in Michigan, and Perry decided to plant one cubic inch of wheat—360 kernels—and see how much was, "Much fruit." He would tithe the first 10% and then plant the remaining harvest. He committed to do this for the next six years.

In the first year, it took a 4-foot by 8-foot plot of land to sow one cubic inch of seed. It was the smallest wheat field in the world. At harvest time, Perry carefully scraped the ground to get every kernel of wheat. Every precious seed counted. The first year produced a 50-fold harvest. There was much fruit.

He tithed 10% and sowed the rest.

In the second year, it took a 24' x 60' plot of land to sow the seed from the harvest of the first year. It took 16,200 kernels to plant the second crop, which was forty-five times larger than the first one.

He tithed the 10% and sowed the rest.

In the third year, it took nearly an acre to sow. Weather threatened the crop. Prospects for a successful harvest were very slim. Henry Ford personally attended to view the harvesting of the crop. He took out a well-worn New Testament from his pocket and read John 12:24 to some children remarking, "Here's the Word. There's the wheat." All involved picked up every kernel of wheat.

He tithed 10% and sowed the rest on a 14 acre field of Henry Ford's land.

In the fourth year, it took 14 acres to sow. Bushels instead of handfuls of kernels were sown.

The fourth crop produces 379 bushels.

One cubic inch of wheat had now grown to one million.

He tithed 10% and sowed the rest.

In the fifth year, it took 230 acres to sow.

The fifth harvest amounted to 5,555 bushels.





Perry tithed the 10% and sowed the rest.

In the sixth year, the final harvest required 2,666 acres and amounted to 72,150 bushels of wheat.

Three hundred sixty kernels had turned into 55 billion. And the largest yield was only 50-fold.

The last harvest was valued at \$150,000 in 1946. The amount today would be \$2,031,791!

The experiment worked. God can bless our harvest when we tithe!

“Tithing is the open door to THE BLESSING, and it’s THE BLESSING that God set forth that is going to meet your needs, give you what you need, bless you, keep you well and keep you prosperous.”

“Our tithing opens that door for God to move supernaturally.”

“Tithing keeps the door open when you do it in faith.”

—Gloria Copeland, *How to Reap Your Harvest Study Notes*





Bring Ye All the Tithes

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Tithing is, of course, the most familiar financial subject to Christians. Nearly all of us are aware of the practice of tithing, but very few actually realize its true significance.

Tithing was a commandment of God to Israel that 10 percent of their firstfruits belonged to Him. When God told me to teach on this subject for the first time, He led me to Deuteronomy 26, where He first introduced it to Israel. Let's start with the first verse: "And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein."

How does this relate to the Christian and our role under the New Covenant? The Word says in Colossians 1:13 that God has delivered us from the power of darkness *and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son*. As believers, we are now living in the kingdom of God—the land which the Lord our God has given us for an inheritance. We have entered into our inheritance through Jesus Christ and possess it in His Name. We have title deed to this Kingdom through faith in Him. The authority has been given to us, and God is showing us how to exercise our tithing privileges in order to maintain control efficiently in the financial world.

Deuteronomy 26:2-3 says, "Thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there. And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days...."

Who is the priest today? Hebrews 3:1 says that Jesus is our High Priest. Hebrews 7:8, speaking of Jesus, says that He receives our tithes personally. Deuteronomy 26:3 continues to instruct the children of Israel what to say to the priest: "And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord sware unto our fathers for to give us."

The children of Israel were to go to the priest and *say* something as they presented their tithes. Therefore, we are to go to our High Priest with our tithes and say to Him, "I profess this day unto the Lord God, that I am come unto the inheritance which the Lord swore to give me." This is a very important point in the tithing procedure: *Make a confession before your High Priest*.

Deuteronomy 26:4 says, "And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord thy God." Can you see where we have been missing it? We quickly drop our tithe money into the offering plate as it passes by, or stuff it into an envelope without a thought. Instead, as this verse says, we are to present it to Jesus, our High Priest, who, in turn, will set it before the heavenly altar of God.

Then in verses 5-10, the Lord builds Israel a confession, telling of His mighty work in their lives and of delivering them from the bondage in Egypt. At this point, as Christians under the New Covenant, we need to switch our position.





Instead of being in bondage in Egypt, we were sinners in the world, in bondage to satan, before we made Jesus the Lord of our lives. So our confession before our High Priest should be something like this: "I am now in the land which You, Lord, have provided for me in Jesus Christ, the kingdom of Almighty God. I was a sinner serving satan. I called upon the Name of Jesus, and You heard my cry and delivered me from the power and authority of darkness and translated me into the kingdom of Your dear Son. Jesus, You are my Lord, and I bring the firstfruits of my labors to You as my High Priest. I worship You with it. I rejoice in all the good which You have given to me and my household."

All of this is involved in tithing. You can readily see that it can't be done in the few seconds before the plate is passed in church. It must be done with purpose. But I guarantee, it is worth every minute! My wife and I write our tithe checks, hold them before God, and take the time to pray over them. Our money then becomes a tool used in worshipping God.

Deuteronomy 26:10 says that the High Priest will set the tithes before God and worship Him with them. Can you grasp the fact that our High Priest, the resurrected Jesus, is worshipping God with your money? Praise God! That's quite a picture!

There is another part of this confession, from verses 14-15, which is very important: "I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey."

By contrast, Christians have thought, *I'll just keep giving, and maybe one of these days, God will notice it and bless me.* This is wrong. The blessing of God is received by faith in His Word. It does not come automatically, just as salvation does not come automatically. You wouldn't say to someone, "Well, just go to church and God will save you one of these days, if you're fortunate!"

No, the laws governing salvation must be acted on in order for them to work in your life. *Prosperity comes the same way.* As we can see in Malachi 3:10-11, God has promised the tither that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive!

In Malachi 3:10, God Himself is speaking. He says, "Prove me in this." This is the only place in the Word where God instructs us to prove Him, and it is the one area where most people have withdrawn from proving God. They want God to prove that He heals and saves, and that He is alive. But when it comes to finances, they back off and say, "Now, I wouldn't want to tell God to bless me financially."

However, the truth is that Malachi 3:10 says, "...and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Notice that He said, "Prove me **NOW.**" So, start tithing *now*. God is ready to move in your finances, **NOW.** You wait...He waits.

A number of years ago, when I first began studying tithing, the phrase "windows of heaven" kept coming into my thinking. The phrase "windows of heaven" actually means "floodgates." It is the same word used in Genesis 7:11 where God opened the "windows of heaven" and flooded the earth. God does not use empty figures of speech. He means what He says. He will open the "floodgates" of heaven and pour out an abundant blessing on the tither, through the same gates by which the great Flood came.





Someone might say, "Well, if that is the case, why do many people tithe and yet never receive the promised floodtide of blessings?" Let's see what else God has to say about tithing, and receiving in return. Malachi 3:13-15 says:

Your words have been strong and hard against Me, says the Lord. Yet you say, What have we spoken against You? You have said, It is useless to serve God, and what profit is it if we keep His ordinances and walk gloomily and as if in mourning apparel before the Lord of hosts? And now we consider the proud and arrogant to be happy and favored; evildoers are exalted and prosper; yes, and when they test God, they escape [unpunished] (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The Israelites' words were stout against God. They confessed lack and want. They confessed that evildoers were more prosperous and that their evil deeds went unpunished. In other words, they were saying, "We have been obedient to God, but how have we profited from it?"

This is still true today. Many Christians never speak their redemption when they tithe. Therefore, their tithe never produces. Sometimes, the stout words go unnoticed. For example, when a situation comes up where you need extra finances, without realizing it you say, "Well, I don't know where I'm going to get the money. I just don't have it." Your words are stout against God.

Psalms 107:2 says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord *say* so." You are the redeemed of the Lord! Keep your profession of faith in line with the Word of God. Give God the opportunity to pour you out a blessing. Take Him at His Word, and prove Him. Then, walk in the abundance that is rightfully yours as a tither! Notice in Deuteronomy 26, how many times the Word says, "Say before the Lord."

The money or gift is the tithe. **Tithing** is done with words.

You have been given certain rights and privileges as a tither. Malachi 3:11 states one of them. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...." If you are in a financial situation that looks bad, come against satan according to this scripture. Use your privileges as a tither to combat and defeat him. Speak the Word of faith and rebuke the devourer.

When you tithe, you are laying the foundation for financial success and abundance. You are establishing deposits with God that can be used when you need them.

Don't wait until your back is against the wall before you use your faith in this area. Build your faith first, when things are going well. Learn to act on the Word now. When satan tries to pin you against the wall, you can smile and know that you have it made. According to what God has said in Malachi 3:11, satan's power over you financially has been stopped!

When you stand on the covenant of God and exercise your rights as a tither, satan has no chance against you. God will rebuke the devourer for your sake. If your back is against the wall financially now, *don't wait to begin tithing*. You cannot afford to wait!

The tithe belongs to God in the first place. Malachi 3:8-9 says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say. Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me...."





So, start tithing now! Remember, He said, "Prove Me NOW." If you don't have any money, find something you do have, and give it today. There is no faster and surer way to bring the blessings of God on the scene than when you tithe. When money comes into your hands, *immediately* take God's tithe out FIRST and present it to Him. Proverbs 3:9-10 says, "Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the firstfruits of all your income; so shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine" (AMPC).

Deuteronomy 8:18 says that God gives us the power to get wealth. And Proverbs 10:22 says that the blessing of the Lord makes rich. In tithing, God is giving you the 90 percent and only receiving from you 10 percent for His work in the earth. What a generous proposition! He even uses His 10 percent to *provide ministry for you*: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12).

You can't out-give God! He gives back His 10 percent to see to it that you are perfected, equipped and edified.

My dad is a tither. Wherever the Lord instructs him to tithe, that is where he puts it. He is a giver, as well. He is always giving to someone.

He and my mother worked hard for what they have. When they got married, they agreed to tithe every dollar they received, all of their lives. And they have kept that agreement. When I began learning about tithing, I said to the Lord, "My dad has tithed since I've known him. By rights, he should be a very rich man, according to Your Word. I have read that when we tithe, You open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that can't be contained. Where is Dad's blessing?"

The Lord replied, "It is still out there. Your father has never tipped the bucket very much."

Dad was bringing his tithe as God had said, but he was not believing for the return on it. He was not "saying before the Lord." He had let it build up in heaven, but he was not receiving the benefit of it here on earth. When I talked with him about it, he replied that he did not want to tell God to bless him. All this time, he had been giving the tithe, but he had never given it according to the Word of God. He had not been *tithing* his tithe—he had not professed with his mouth the return on his tithe as God instructed.

When he learned how to put into practice the principles of God's financial system, he began to receive. Today, he is better off financially in his retirement than when he was working so hard. His company retirement plan is good, but God's system of finances is so much better. It doesn't matter how high inflation goes, God will always have more than enough!

One question that comes into the minds of many tithers is, "Where should God's tithe be placed?" Some think only their church should receive tithes. This would be true if their church were the source of their spiritual food and growth. The Word says to bring the tithes into the *storehouse* so there would be MEAT in His house. A storehouse is where the food is. I know thousands of people attending churches of all denominations who receive no spiritual food whatsoever from their churches. How could that be a storehouse?

Deuteronomy 26:14 says, "I have not eaten of the tithe...nor given any of it to the dead. I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me" (AMPC).





I would not consider putting God's tithe into a dead work. If you want to put money into a church that is dead—not ministering to the needs of the people—then put *your* money into it. But it is important to put God's money, the tithe, into a storehouse that is feeding the life of God to the people. Many churches and foundations have been deceived by Satan into unknowingly becoming his reservoirs to keep finances out of the revival that is in the earth today.

To settle this question, since the tithe is God's money to begin with, and since Jesus is the One who handles and receives our tithes, pray and let Him tell you where it should be put to work. I realize this is not too popular with some church doctrines, but nevertheless, it is accurate.

Jesus is Lord over all the affairs of the Body of Christ! He is certainly Lord and Director of the finances. He is fair and just in the distribution of God's tithe. When a church sees to it that the people are fed, that church will receive its portion. When an evangelist sees to it that the people are fed, Jesus will minister to him his portion of God's tithe. All the different ministries qualify to receive from Jesus more than enough to fill their particular calling *when they feed God's people*.

Gloria and I have learned so much since we began tithing. The Word of God is very clear concerning tithing and the benefits that belong to the tither. I have shared with you some of the insights I have gained from the Word.

Here are some thoughts from Gloria on tithing. As you read, allow the Spirit of God to minister to you:

Many churches don't say much about tithing. You may have been raised in a church that didn't, but when you begin desiring to walk in God's prosperity, it is imperative that you start out with the first step, which is tithing. Tithing is the foundation of prosperity.

I can remember in Ken's and my own experience, we knew it was right to tithe. But we were so broke that we just didn't do it very well. We would tithe a few times, and then we would let it get behind. Then, we would try to catch up.

As long as we did that, we never enjoyed prosperity. But when we made a determination to tithe because that's what is in the Word, and do that first, then we began walking in the blessings of God.

The Bible teaches that the tithe is God's money. You're not *giving* it to Him—that 10 percent is already His. But, He is going to turn around and spend His 10 percent on you! That's just like Him, isn't it? He's going to put it into the ministry to keep feeding you the Word so that you can be strong and victorious.

Kenneth and I decided that giving our tithe would come first, regardless. Until you do that, you are just trying to believe God without any basis for prosperity. Remember, tithing is the foundation for prosperity. Everyone we have known personally, and people we have talked to and witnessed to on prosperity, have seen their finances begin to change when they made the determination to tithe, regardless.

I know that many people are having problems with money. Money is tight. Things are costing more than what people have. This is the time when we have to walk on the principles of God in prosperity if we are going to have our needs met.





Don't let satan talk you out of tithing. Do that first, regardless, and you will find that you will supernaturally have the money you need to do the other things. If you let the devil talk you out of it, he will keep you under his thumb financially.

Tithe first, and be diligent with it. Go to the scripture in Malachi where it talks about the blessings of the tither. Don't let your husband talk you out of tithing. Don't let your wife talk you out of tithing. I'm telling you, tithing is imperative if you want the financial blessings of God in your life. Tithe, and do it in faith.

The Word says in Malachi 3:10, *AMPC*: "Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now..." In the area of tithing, you can prove God. When you do, you will see a change in your finances. But you will never see it if you just tithe every once in a while.

Make tithing a dedication to God, and treat His 10 percent properly.

Go before Him, hold your tithe up to Him, and worship Him with it. Say, "I bring this to You, Father, in the Name of Jesus. I bring this tithe into the storehouse. I worship You with it. Now, I believe, as Your Word says, that You will open up the windows of heaven and pour me out a blessing that there's not room enough to receive. I believe that. I receive it!"

Now that's a big blessing! God's Word is on the line regarding tithing. What He said in His Word, He will do for you because you are a tither!"

Tithing is not something that can be done in a few seconds before the plate is passed in church. It must be done on purpose. Hold your tithe check before God and take the time to pray and confess God's Word over it.

Gloria and I have formed a confession based on Deuteronomy 26, as a guide for you to use in praying over your tithes. It is our confession of redemption equivalent to Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Israel pointed to Egypt, but we point to Calvary.

Say this when you hold up your tithe before God:

"We profess this day unto the Lord God that we have come unto the inheritance which the Lord swore to give us. We are in the land which You, Lord, have provided for us in Jesus Christ—the kingdom of Almighty God.

"We were sinners serving satan. But we called on the Name of Jesus, and You heard our cry and delivered us into the kingdom of Your dear Son. Jesus, as our Lord and High Priest, we bring the firstfruits of our income to You and worship the Lord our God with it.

"We rejoice in all the good things which You have given to us and our household. We have hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God and have done according to all that You have commanded us. Now look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless us as You said in Your Word. We thank You, Father, in Jesus' Name."

