

GIVING (THE BIBLE WAY)

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- I. Giving the Tithe (10%) of All Our Increase Is Commanded (Malachi 3:10).
 - A. Some Scriptural precedents:
 1. Abraham tithed **Before** the Law was given, so we cannot say that tithing was just for those under the Law (Genesis 14:18-20).
 2. Jacob **Tithed** (Genesis 28:20-22).
 3. Moses **Declared** it a Law (Leviticus 27:30).
 - B. Jesus **Taught** it (Matthew 23:23).
 - C. Paul **Explained** it (I Corinthians 16:2).
- II. It Is Also Expected Of Us To Give Offerings.
(Anything above the 10% is an **“Offering”** (Malachi 3:8) – this is also called **“Sowing”** (II Corinthians 9:6-7).
 - A. Failure to **“Sow”** can lead to greater need; sowing in time of need can open the door for supply (Proverbs 11:24-25).
 - B. We must sow even in time of **Famine** (Genesis 26:1-3,12).
- III. The Blessing Promised To The Giver.
 - A. Abundant **Return** (Proverbs 3:9-10; Luke 6:38).
 - B. The Lord will **Rebuke** the devourer (Malachi 3:10-11).