

AN INVITATION TO TITHE

Find your current giving level on the chart.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . . . Ecclesiastes 3:1

Monthly Income	10% Tithe	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$500	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$1,500	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$105	\$90	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$30	\$15
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$2,500	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30
\$3,500	\$350	\$315	\$280	\$245	\$210	\$175	\$140	\$105	\$70	\$35
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
\$4,500	\$450	\$405	\$360	\$315	\$270	\$225	\$180	\$135	\$90	\$45
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50

If you are under 3%, please consider starting at 3%

**If you are at 3% or greater, please consider a step in faith
by moving up one or more percentage categories.**

Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams. **Malachi 3:10.**

The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

Luke 6:38

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. **II Corinthians 9:6-8**

* Scripture from *The Message*, Eugene Peterson

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1. What It Means to Make a Financial Commitment

Making a financial commitment should be primarily a spiritual decision – reached after prayer and reflection. Our decisions about giving financially reflect central parts of our spiritual life:

- Surrendering a portion of our wealth to God's work
- Having faith that we can give generously and not suffer want
- Showing joyful thanksgiving for God's grace and gifts to us
- Please know that you can change your commitment any time

2. If You Are Considering Your First Financial Commitment

Making a commitment financially is an essential part of joining a worship community. When you do so, you promise a portion of what you have to support God's work. Your gift expresses your faith that we as a community are good stewards of God's gifts to us.

In the financial sense, making a commitment may seem no different from making regular contributions to the offering plate. In the spiritual sense, however, it is an important step in one's relationship with Christ.

3. If You Are Renewing Your Commitment - How Much Is Enough?

The biblical standard is the tithe – or 10% of all that we earn. We must acknowledge, though, that we are all at different places on the journey toward that goal. Our community includes some who tithe as well as some who are making their first financial commitment.

Regardless of our place on that journey, biblical teaching emphasizes **proportional giving** – that those blessed with greater wealth are expected to give back more. Often, the smallest gift is the largest.

In making your decision, you might begin by prayerfully considering your ultimate goal. What proportion of your income are you giving now and what proportion would you like eventually to give back to God.

You might then consider when you hope to reach that goal. How many years from now might you be able to give back the proportion you've chosen? What can you give now, in joy and gratitude, for all the gifts God has given to you? Finally, you might consider your commitment for next year as a step on that journey. How would your commitment need to change for you to stay on the path you've chosen? One thing for sure, God accepts us no matter where we are on this journey but God does not want us to stay there.