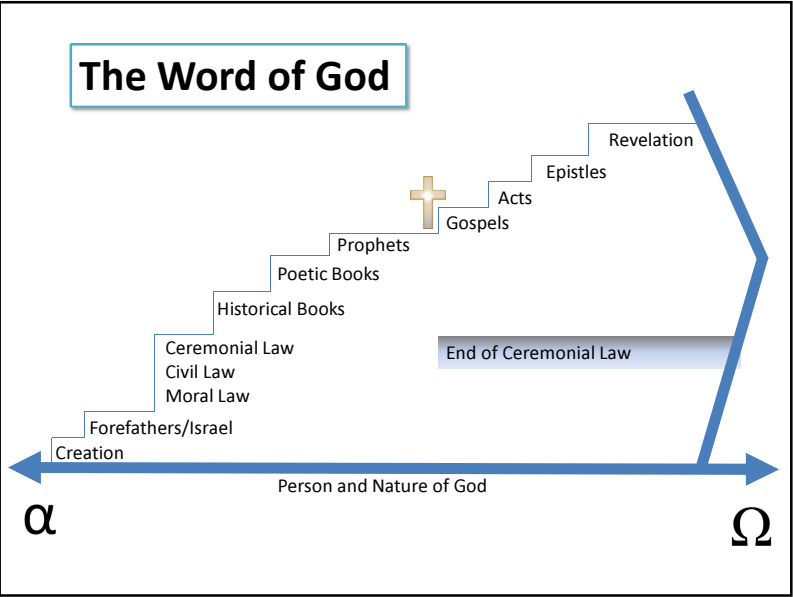




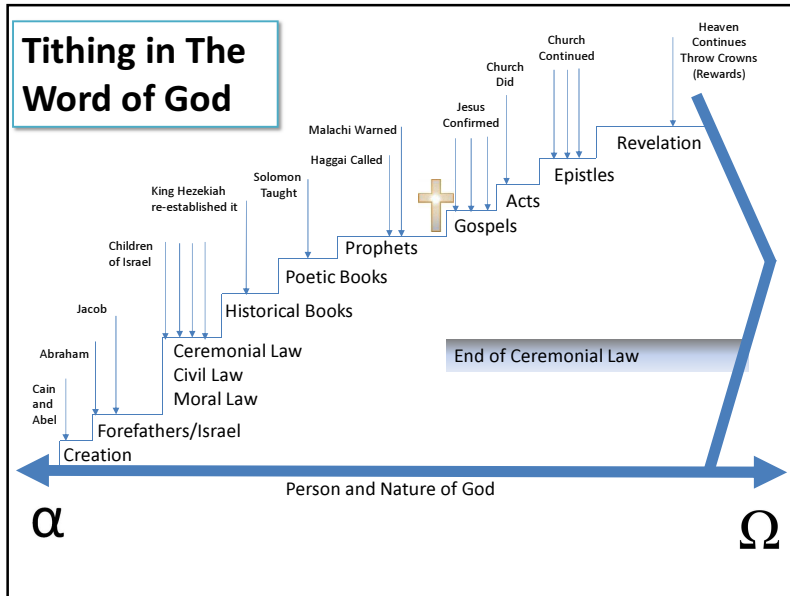
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- Objection:
 - "I thought tithing is under the Law (Old Testament) and so not for today."
 - "I am under the New Covenant – so I don't have to tithe."
- God put tithing in the heart of His people long before the law was ever given!
- Let's look at the Scriptural evidence!



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- Tithing is not something that happened when God introduced the Law through the ministry of Moses...
 - Because it is on our heart, tithing continues



Tithing
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?? Who are you to CANCEL it??

- 1 out of every 10 verses in the New Testament deals with our attitude toward money!

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- Jesus gave 36 parables
 - 16 of them had to do with our attitude toward money!
 - Verses about faith...about 500
 - Verses about prayer...about 400
 - Verses about money...over 2,000
 - God is a giver and God wants us to become like Him.


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- The Bible is a record – from Genesis to Revelation -of the war between good and evil

"For the love of money is the root of all evil"
1Tim 6:10

- If evil in this world is directly or indirectly traced back to a love of money
 - than nothing more spiritual that we can talk about than our attitude toward money




Tithing Is All About the Heart

How We React To The Topic Of Tithing Is An Indicator Of The Condition Of Our Heart

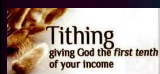
"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Prov 4:23

"A good person produces good deeds from a good heart, and an evil person produces evil deeds from an evil heart. Whatever is in your heart determines what you say." Luke 6:45



Tithing Is All About the Heart

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." Mat 6:19 -21




Tithing Is All About the Heart

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money (mammon)." Matthew 6:24

We cannot have a divided loyalty

- God and another god ... Mammon




Tithing Is All About the Heart

Satan is also interested in your money ...

It is his desire to keep you under a curse and in bondage

And the best way he can do that is to affect your attitude toward money in a negative way




**Why Should I Tithe?
Reasons In God's Word**

1. Tithing Demonstrates That God Has First Place In My Life

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life." Deuteronomy 14:23

The way we use our money and the way we use our time really indicates what's first place in our life.

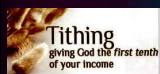


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2. Tithing Reminds Me That Everything Was Given To Me By God

"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth and so confirms his covenant." Deut 8:18

"God, If it weren't for You, I wouldn't have anything."




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We don't give to God

- we return to Him
- He owns it all anyway if He is our Lord

It is all God's –

- I am just managing it for Him




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3. Tithing Expresses My Gratitude To God For The Blessings He's Done For Me

"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Psalm 116:12

The answer –


"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 16:17



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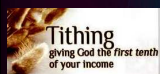
4. Tithing Keeps Me From Stealing from God
"God says `Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, `How do we rob you?' God says `In tithes and offerings... Bring your whole tithe to my house.'" Malachi 3:8-10

When I use money to pay bills that I ought to be tithing with, then I'm robbing from God.
 I'm paying bills with God's money!



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5. Tithing Gives God A Chance To Prove He Exists And Wants To Bless Me
`Bring your whole tithe to my storehouse. test me in this' says the Lord, `and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it!
I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will be protected from plagues.'" Malachi 3:10-11




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One of the most amazing promises in the Bible

- God actually offers you a challenge
- only place in the Bible that God says, "One way to prove I exist. Tithe."


Normally, we're not supposed to tempt God, but in this case, He gives us permission to
TEST HIM



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Notice –

- promise to bless you with more
- He also promises to protect what you already have
- *"I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy . . . "*
Mal 3:11




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6. Tithing Proves That I Really Love God
Jesus said, *"If you love me, do what I command."* – John 14:15
Tithing is clearly commanded all the way through scripture
"I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving. This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words." 2 Corinthians 8:7-8




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Objection:
"I can't afford to tithe."
It reveals that they are tithing last, instead of first.
"Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9
then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Pro 3:10



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A person who thinks they can't afford to tithe - Looks at their bills/budget and says...
"I'm going to deal with all these obligations, and then, if I can afford it, I will tithe"
It never happens – never!
They are looking at the last of their produce.
They are letting the devourer eat their produce. (Mal. 3:11)



Give With The Right Attitudes

If God owns me, He's going to own my wallet.
If He doesn't own my heart, He doesn't own my wallet.
I need to first give myself to the Lord!



Give With The Right Attitudes

"Just as you excel in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness -- see that you also excel in the grace of giving." 2 Cor. 8:7