

## **What the Bible Says About Tithes and Offerings**

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Abraham was the first person in the Bible to offer a tithe. The tithe is one-tenth of a person's increase. Abraham defeated five kings in a battle and gave Melchizedek a tenth of the spoils he gained.  
(Genesis 14:1-20)

Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me . . . of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."  
(Genesis 28:20-22)

When God made a nation of the Israelites, God commanded: A tithe of everything from the land belongs to the LORD.  
(Leviticus 27:30)

Jesus condemned legalistic tithing, but affirmed the practice itself.  
(Matthew 23:23)

Although everything belongs to God, we are to be caretakers of the world.  
(Genesis 1:28 and Psalm 24:1)

God designated one-seventh of our time and one-tenth of our income as holy.  
(Genesis 2:3 and Exodus 20:11)

God likes a willing giver, and a small gift from a happy heart is better than a big gift from a selfish heart.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

God does not bless the stingy, but promises material blessings to the faithful.  
(Malachi 3:11)

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every occasion."  
(2 Corinthians 9:10, 11)