

Encouraging the Tithe – Scriptures

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The purpose of tithing – Deuteronomy 14:22-23

Set apart a tithe of your yearly crop. In God's presence and in a place God chooses, eat the tithe of your grain, wine, oil, herd and flock. Verse 23b: "*Learn to fear the LORD, your God, always.*" (NRSV) "*The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.*" (Living Bible)

The practice of tithing – Malachi 3:6-12

God tells the people, 'Return to Me, and this is how: through your tithes and offerings.' Don't rob God! God will provide. Verse 10a: "*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test.*" (NRSV)

The roots of tithing – Genesis 14:20

Abram gave ten percent of everything to priest and king Melchizedek, after Melchizedek pronounced God's blessing and victory on him.

The sacrifice of tithing – 2 Samuel 24:24

A man offered King David his grain and oxen for the king to make offerings to God. But David wouldn't give God something he got for free. So David bought the oxen and grain in order to give his offerings to God.

The priority of tithing – Matthew 23:23

Jesus said, 'You tithe all the way down to your spice cupboard, but neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith. Don't neglect either tithing or these more important matters!'

The joy of tithing – 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Give intentionally and not under coercion, for God loves a cheerful giver. "*God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work!*" (NRSV)