

THE JOY OF TITHING

1. What is Tithe?

- It is 10% all your increase (money or other material blessing)

2. Why should we tithe?

- (i) God commanded us to
- (ii) That there may be food in His house
- (iii) To create room for God to bless us
- (iv) To stop the devourer from devouring from us
- (v) It is not yours it is the Lord's
- (vi) To learn to trust God
- (vii) To appreciate God as the giver of things
- (viii) So full time ministry workers may be cared for

3. Why some don't pay tithe

- (i) Ignorance
- (ii) Background
- (iii) Fear

- (iv) Misconception of what tithe is
 - E.g. Thinking it is a curse of the law
 - They think tithe is the same as free will offering
 - They think serving in the church is also tithe
 - Because they fear mismanagement of the tithe

- (v) Debt
 - People living beyond their means
 - They owe so much that they use even their tithe to pay debts

- (vi) Lack of fear of God
- (vii) Selfishness

4. Tithing, a curse or a blessing?

- (i) **Started before the law**
 - Gen 14:19-20 Abraham gave tithe to Melchizedek
 - Gen 26:12 Isaac sowed in famine
 - Gen 28:22 Jacob promised to pay tithe of all

- (ii) **Under the law**
 - Lev 27:30-33 Children of Israel commanded to pay tithe
 - Num 18:1-32 Children of Israel paid tithe to the Levites
 - Mal 3:6-10 Israelites rebuked for robbing God

- (iii) **Time of grace**
 - Jesus did not condemn tithing (Mt 23:23)

5. How often should we tithe?

- (i) As long as we are alive
- (ii) Any time we are blessed
- (iii) Immediately, don't delay, procrastinate or postpone

**6. What part should I tithe?
Gross or Net?**

- (i) The entire earning (off all your increase)
 - Before deductions
 - Before account or debt settlement
 - (God First)

7. Where and who to tithe to

- (i) To the store house (Local Church)
- (ii) Where you are being fed spiritually

8. What is tithe used for?

- (i) For full time Christian workers (Deut. 12:12,19
Num. 18:26, Neh 10:37, Deut 14:27-29, 26:12-14)

What it is not for

- It is not for burial of dead believers
- It is not for members to come and borrow
- It is not to help members pay their accounts
- It is not for church gatherings (e.g. Refreshments)
- Not for building projects

9. What is the danger of not paying tithe?

- (i) You abide under a curse
- (ii) You give the devil legal asses to what you have
- (iii) You rob full time church workers of their pay
- (iv) You never can manage what you have
- (v) What you refuse to give ends up destroying your 90%

10. What to do when you ate up your past tithe

You must pay a fifth part (5%) added to your tithe. (Lev. 22:14)