

Tithing is a test. Will you put God first?

*The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. – Deut. 14:23 (TLB)*

God, I trust you and I want you more than \_\_\_\_\_.

God's blessing starts with a test.

**Tithing before the law.**

Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:20-22

**Jesus speaks on tithing.** Matthew 23:23

Jesus never abolished tithing.

If we do not hold to Biblical standards we will always shoot low.

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**Questions for reflection/discussion:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Many believers struggle when it comes to tithing. Why do you think that happens?
3. What are some barriers that hinder believers from tithing?
4. Have you tended to view tithing as a burden or a benefit? What practical steps could you take to keep the benefits of tithing in mind?
5. How do you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to respond in the area of tithing?



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**Series:** The Blessed Life

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The key to a blessed life is a generous life.

Being “blessed” means having supernatural power working for you.

*The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. – Proverbs 10:22*

*“I am the Lord, and I do not change...” – Malachi 3:6*

The Hebrew word “ma aser” which occurs 27 times in the Old Testament means “tenth part”.

The word “tithe” means a tenth.

Tithing says “I give my first and best so that God can bless the rest.”

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; THEN your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. – Proverbs 3:9-10*

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