

10%, Are You Kidding?

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

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Memory Verse:

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

—Malachi 3:10

1. 10% Are U kidding? Testimonies.

No. Pastor's Testimony.

2. 10%, God is not kidding.

(Malachi 3:6-9)

Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings." You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

—Malachi 3:8-9

God is Sovereign, we are stewards.

- **God Is Sovereign—Owner Of All Life, and Things.**
David said, *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."* —Psalm 24:1
- **We Are Stewards—"Steward" means:**
"One who administers affairs or things not his own for purposes in accordance with the will of the owner." We are custodians.
- **Our Stewardship Is Acknowledged Through The Tithe.**
By returning one-tenth of our income to God, we acknowledge His ownership and our stewardship.

3. 10%, Jesus (New Testament) is not kidding.**Jesus tells us to seek God's Kingdom first**

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"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

—Matthew 6:33

We receive the Kingdom by giving our life away.

Lose by grasping, find by giving.

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

—Matthew 10:39 (16:25)

Jesus was in favor of tithing.

Should practice the tithing (the latter).

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”
—Matthew 23:23

4. If we are not Kidding, How exactly does it work?

6 Ps of Giving according to 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:7

P—Giving must be Periodic — (1 Corinthians 16:2).

(Regular systematic, weekly giving.)

² *On the first day of every week*, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

P—Giving Must Be Personal — (1 Corinthians 16:2).

(Each includes, clergy, lay, rich, poor, children, aged.)

² On the first day of every week, *each one of you should set aside* a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

P—Giving Must Be Provisional— (1 Corinthians 16:2).

(Regular giving prepares us to meet any need as it arises.)

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P—Giving Must Be Proportionate— (1 Corinthians 16:2).

(Rich give more, poor give less, same %)

² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money *in keeping with your income*, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

P—Giving Must Be Pleasant— (2 Corinthians 9:7).

(This is the only kind of giving that pleases.)

⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, *for God loves a cheerful giver.*”

P—Giving Must Be Private— (2 Corinthians 9:7).

(Jesus said, “Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”)

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No Kidding—Tithing works. (Malachi 3:10-12)

3 Kinds of Givers (What kind of giver are you?)

The **FLINT**—(to get anything out of him you must hammer away, then you get only chips and sparks);

The **SPONGE**— (the more you squeeze him the more you get);

The **HONEYCOMB**— (this person overflows with sweetness). “The Lord loves a cheerful (hilarious) giver.”

What kind of a giver is God calling you to be?