

“A Nickel a Hoagie”

Malachi 3:8-12

1. Facts about tithing

- A. Tithing was sanctioned by God **before** the Law was given. (Genesis 14:20; 28:20-22)
- B. Tithing was sanctioned by God **while** the law was in effect. (Malachi 3:10, Leviticus 27:30-32)
- C. Tithing was sanctioned by God **after** the Law was fulfilled in Christ.
(Matthew 23:23, Hebrews 7:8)
- D. Tithing in the Old Testament was part of the **moral** law, not the ceremonial law.
Jesus did not cancel the moral law: He confirmed it. (Matthew 5:17-20)
- E. The tithe is **one-tenth** (10 %) of all that God provides us. (Leviticus 27:32)
- F. The tithe is one element of **giving** to God, not its full extent.
Both the Old and New Testaments speak of “tithes and offerings.” (Malachi 3:8)
- G. Jesus commanded (and commended) tithing **after** He announced His Church.
(Matthew 16:16-18; 23:23.)

2. Tithing **Honors** God

- ❖ Act of **Worship**
- ❖ Act of **Obedience**
- ❖ Act of **Faith**

Do you honor God with your finances?

Has Christianity affected your pockets?

3. Tithing is **fair**.

- \$ **Proportionate** giving. --1 Cor. 16:2
- \$ Rich and poor give the **same** (%). --Malachi 3:10
- \$ The poor can give **more** than the wealthy. --Mark 12:42

4. Tithing Works

\$ Works for God's House:

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. —Malachi 3:10

"The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done." —Exodus 36:5

\$ Works for our households:

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." —Luke 6:38

\$ More than enough.

⁶Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, ⁷ because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work. —Exodus 6-7

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 4:19

Conclusion: For the Christian, tithing is an obligation of love not law.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:7

Why preach on tithing? Why practice tithing?

Many of us are missing God's blessings.

Financially.

Spiritually.

Trust the Lord, bring Him the whole tithe and see if He will not meet your needs--spiritually and financially.

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 you will not have room enough for it." —Malachi 3:10