

TITHE

BEING FAITHFUL WITH YOUR MONEY

WHAT IS TITHING?

The word "tithe" literally means tenth or 10%. Tithing, or giving ten percent of your income, isn't merely giving something to God. It's giving back what was his to begin with. All that we have, or hope to have, comes from him. The Bible says that tithing is a reminder that God is the supplier of everything. It teaches us to always put God first in our lives. The Biblical idea for a tithe can be found in Malachi.

***"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."
- Malachi 3:10***

You might wonder why God would want you to tithe. I can assure you that God doesn't need your money, but the truth is that tithing was created for our benefit. It is to teach us how to keep God first in our lives and how to be unselfish people. Unselfish people make better friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, wives, relatives, employees and employers. God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time and it begins with being generous with what we have.

CHALLENGE

We want to encourage you to set up an 80-10-10 plan for your finances. Establish a routine now of living off of 80% of your income, saving 10% of your income, and tithing 10% of your income. You can set up an online giving account at saddleback.com/give or give in person at the weekend services.