



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

Most are familiar with giving 10% of your wages or your “first fruits” to the Lord, but there are actually three types of tithes mentioned in the book of Leviticus:

1). The tithe to God. This tithe or “tenth” as it is translated in Hebrew, is considered consecrated or set apart.

Leviticus 27:30-31 says, “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord. If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth of the value to it.”

Essentially, it’s saying to give 10% to God & if you don’t, whatever you hold back for yourself, you should pay God 5% interest (in addition to the 10%).

2). The feast tithe. In The Old Testament, the feast tithe was another 10% of the Israelites' income that was used to fund religious festivals & trips to Jerusalem.

Consider this your personal savings. It can go towards things like retirement, vacations, birthdays, holidays & other special occasions - a day of celebration or “jubilee” as it's described in scripture.

Financial advisors are trained to teach their clients to “pay themselves” first before they spent any other money. This is exactly what the “feast tithe” is referring to (second only to God's portion).

Experts recommend a minimum of 10% of your gross income to go towards retirement savings.

Be sure to check into this if you're not sure of your contribution amounts. Personally, we like to save another 10% for other things besides just the 10% for retirement.

3). The poor tithe. Also known as the third tithe, the poor tithe is meant for giving to others in need.

Deuteronomy 26:12 says, “When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.”

If you're looking for a good charity, there are several non-profits available. Some of our favorites are:

- [Help End Child Poverty | Compassion International](#)
- [Open Door Mission: Breaking Homelessness & Poverty Cycle](#)
- [ABIDE \(bing.com\)](#)
- [Child Saving Institute - Child Saving Institute \(bing.com\)](#)
- [Home - Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly \(lbfechicago.org\)](#)
- [About Habitat for Humanity | Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Donate | Special Olympics | Support Special Olympics](#)

These are just a few of many. If you're wondering about more, check out local non-profits or 501c (3) organizations in your community.

“A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.” ~ Proverbs 18:16

Charitable contributions are also tax-deductible, so make sure to get a receipt for any donations.