

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

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The word “tithes” is used 23 times in the Bible. Add an “s” to the word and you will find the word “tithing” also mentioned 23 times. The word “tithing” is found twice. Altogether then, you will find the concept of the tithe mentioned 48 times in the Bible.

Obviously, the writers of the Bible felt that it was a practice that was important as a way of honoring God. Tithing is the practice of giving one-tenth of one’s possessions back to our Creator. The tithe is recognition that our lives and our talents and all that we have are blessings that have come from our loving God.

Every Christian denomination teaches the concept of tithing. Indeed one large denomination even requires its members to tithe. Most denominations prefer that church members tithe, but tithing is not a rigid rule. The bottom line, however, is that those who do not tithe may be missing the joys that can come from the practice. Tithers generally handle their money and possessions with greater care than others. Because they want their lives to glorify God, they use their brain power, their talents, their physical strength, their time and service as best they can. Ultimately, they find that tithing is not painful, but joyous because seriously serving God brings a flood of blessings in return. The May issue of *Stewardship* tells of one man’s discovery of joys gained when he decided to tithe.

Prayer: Dear Lord, you but open your hand and all of our needs are met. May we never fail to remember the source of all that we have. **Amen**

“A Stewardship Minute” is provided as a supplement to the Stewardship newsletter as part of your subscription. It can be read by the pastor, stewardship leader or lay reader during worship to briefly introduce and remind the congregation about the principles of stewardship each month. It may also be edited to fit specific needs. Used in this manner, it can significantly increase the general understanding of true giving.

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