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Tithes and Offerings

Series: Investing for Eternity

Malachi 3:7-12

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Many Christians get nervous when their pastor preaches on giving, and for a good reason. Statistics indicate the average North American Christian only gives between four percent of their income to God. The Bible treats giving as one of its most important subjects. It will come as a shock to many of us to discover what God's prescribed minimum for giving is. A more pleasant surprise will be the blessings that follow. In today's teaching, we are going to talk about God's prescribed way for giving away our money—a prescription called **the tithe**.

I. THE PERCENTAGE OF IT

- Began by the _____
- Legalized by _____
- Affirmed by _____

II. THE PAST OF IT

III. THE PURPOSE OF IT

○ R _____

○ R _____

IV. THE PROVISION OF IT

○ R _____ your faith

○ R _____ your favor

○ R _____ your foe

V. THE PRACTICE OF IT

○ D _____

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STUDY GUIDE

1. Read Deuteronomy 14:23-24. What is your current practice regarding the tithe? What percent of your income do you give to the Lord?
2. Explain why you believe or don't believe Christians should tithe.
3. Read Deuteronomy 26:12-14 and 2 Corinthians 9:1-15. How would you compare the motivation for tithing under the New Covenant compared with the motivation under the Old covenant?
4. What word of testimony can you offer about God's faithfulness to bless your practice of tithing to Him?