

As you explore making tithing your way of life ...
as your desire and willingness to share grows ...
keep these basic principles in mind
concerning the automatic return of love freely given:

It may not happen right away.

It happens when the time is right.

It isn't always a reciprocal relationship.

It often comes from unexpected sources.

We may not recognize the gift.

It will be just what we need.

It won't happen if we aren't willing to receive.

Acceptance is actually another form of giving.

A final important thought. Wanting to be fair,
most of us try to determine the monetary value of the
gifts we receive. Seldom are such estimates accurate

***How much we tithe should be based on
how much we benefited ... nothing else.***

Sometimes it's not until after an event occurs that we
realize just how ... or how well ... we have been served.

***It's never too late to make up for what
we didn't ... or couldn't ... give before.***

Bless you for all you share. May your heartfelt
generosity be quickly replenished and multiplied.

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- TITHING - A Way of Life

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Tithing is a spiritual principle to which many aspire,
few achieve, and hardly anyone fully understands.
While many know it to mean the giving of 10% of one's
annual income to a church or worthy causes, few are
aware of the deeper implications of such donations.

***To tithe is to share our resources
in a way that expresses heart-felt gratitude
to those who have contributed their gifts
for our benefit and pleasure,
be it personally or by serving the world.***

In other words, the more we benefit, the more those who
contribute to us deserve to be comparably rewarded.
The more those who serve us well are well supported,
the better able they are to serve us (and the world) still
further. By funding what works best and is most
needed, tithing becomes a powerfully effective process
for co-creating the "better world" which we'd all prefer to
enjoy and pass on to our children.

Tithing is more than just a "feel good" idea. The reasons to tithe ... the personal benefits of tithing ... are based on current scientific knowledge as well as religious teachings and ancient philosophical insights.

Metaphysics says

Like attracts like.

Spiritual principle tells us

The more we give, the more we receive.

Eastern philosophy talks about how

A vacuum is a powerful attracting force waiting...wanting...to be filled.

Quantum physics makes clear

What affects a part affects the whole.

Systems theory and holistic thinking also conclude

Whatever affects us affects those around us, and thus the world in which we live.

This is another way of stating the spiritual principle

We are One. We can only give to ourselves.

When we think these principles through, we realize giving comes first. Waiting until we have more ... something extra to share ... is not the way it works.

Give a person a big, warm, welcoming smile and most will smile back.

Wait for others to smile first, and far less cheer will come our way.

Giving creates a void, a vacuum, that attracts what will nourish, restore, and reward. Love, freely given ... unencumbered by wanting in return ... is like a powerful magnet. The greater the magnitude of a free-will love offering, the more powerful the attracting force created.

This is Universal Law. This is how energy works.

The more we give, the more we get, the more we have to give again.

And...

The more we help create a better world, the better the world works in which we live.

As wise sages have known for thousands of years ...

Everything we give is always a gift to ourselves.

Thus...

It makes sense to share more, instead of less. It makes sense to make tithing a way of life.

Unfortunately, a surprising number of people find it difficult to be generous. Studies show that the higher the income bracket, the smaller the percentage donated.

A commitment to tithe demands major shifts in how we think and act. It takes time to change our attitudes and release the fears that hold us back. It helps to remember, progress is easier when we applaud each new step we take.

Be aware that generosity is determined by our willingness to share what we have. It is our intent, not the gift itself ... that measures gratefulness. Only you can determine what is deserved, and what you can do about it.

It helps to realize that our resources are not limited to money or material things. We can give our time, share our skills, lend an ear, help with tasks, pass on compliments, express love. Simply let your imagination suggest what's appropriate.