



Celebrating the Power of Ten (Tithe) (Matthew 23:23)

Introduction: The world celebrates power. People of power usually are given preferential treatment. When purchasing a vehicle we want to know about its power. Oil producing countries have power and influence on the world economy.

Often, power and money are connected. The Bible has much to say about money and the misuse and proper use of it. In fact God has a “guaranteed financial plan” and God guarantees it to work. When God’s plan is followed it always works. In fact God said that, if need be, “He would open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you would not have room enough for it.”

There is a teaching that tithing was Old Testament and didn’t apply today. However, consider:

I. Tithing – The Biblical Principle

- A. The principle of tithing precedes the Old Testament Law – Genesis 14:18-20.
- B. Tithing principle under the law and prophets – Malachi 3:8-12
- C. Tithing principle endorsed by Jesus- Matthew 23:23
- D. Hebrew writer references the tithing principle – Hebrews 7:2; 7:8-9
- E. The Biblical principle is to bring **ALL** of the tithe into the storehouse (Malachi 3:10)

II. Tithing Releases Blessings

- A. Non-tithers are cursed with a curse (Malachi 3:9). No promise of blessings.
- B. Tithing breaks the financial curse and releases blessings (Malachi 3:10)
 - 1. “I will open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room to receive it.”
 - 2. God challenges the individual to “test” him – the only place in the Bible God says, “Test me.”
 - 3. Question? How big of a blessing do you need? Tithing is the gateway.
- C. The blessing provides protection – Malachi 3:11
- D. All nations will call you blessed – you will be a delightful land- Malachi 3:12

Conclusion: Have two or three tithes give a short testimony of God’s blessings because of their faithfulness to tithe.