

What Test?

Tests are easy when you **know** the answers.

Whom are you going to **thank** for your income?

God does not **change**.

Malachi 3:6-12 NLT

“I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed. Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

“But you ask, ‘How can we return when we have never gone away?’ ‘Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! ‘But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’

“You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a **curse**, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food **in my Temple**. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! **Try it! Put me to the test!** Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

Tithing is a test.

How many plagues were there in Egypt? **10**

How many commandments did God give Moses? **10**

How many times did God test Israel in the wilderness? **10**

How many times were Jacob’s wages changed? **10**

How many days was Daniel tested? **10**

How many virgins were tested in Matthew 25? **10**

How many days of test are mentioned in Revelation? **10**

How many Disciples were there? **12**

Tithing is a test.

Tithing is a **two-way** test.

90 percent with God's blessing is more than 100 percent without God's blessing.

Tithing is **Biblical**.

Tithing was before The **Law**.

Genesis 14:18-20 NLT

And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing:

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Creator of heaven and earth.

And blessed be God Most High,

who has defeated your enemies for you.”

Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

Genesis 28:22 NLT

“And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a **place for worshiping God**, and **I will present to God a tenth** of everything he gives me.”

Leviticus 27:30 NLT

“**One-tenth** of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, **belongs to the LORD** and must be set apart to him as holy.”

Deuteronomy 26:1-2, 13-15 NLT

“When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, put **some of the first** produce from

each crop you harvest into a basket and **bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored.**”

Then you must declare in the presence of the LORD your God, ‘I have taken the **sacred gift** from my house and have given it to the Levites, foreigners, orphans,

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and widows, just as you commanded me. I have not violated or forgotten any of your commands. I have not eaten any of it while in mourning; I have not handled it while I was ceremonially unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the LORD my God and have done everything you commanded me. Now look down from your holy dwelling place in heaven and bless your people Israel and the land you swore to our ancestors to give us—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Jesus said you should **tithe**.

Matthew 23:23 NLT

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. **You should tithe**, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.”

Hebrews 7:8 NLT

The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so Melchizedek is greater than they are, because we are told that he lives on.

Tithing is a blessing.

2 Chronicles 31:4-11

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