"The Blessing Of Tithing"

Proverb 29:2 NIV (ref)

Def: Tithe (freedictionary.com) "one tenth of one's income for the support of the church"

        Offering (NLC) "financial giving above the tithe for the support of specific ministries within a church"

Blessing of Tithing:

1. "Jesus said, 'it is more blessed to give than it is to receive'" Acts 20:35

~Malachi 3:6-12 (ref)

~Luke6:27-38 (ref)

~sowing and reaping 2 Cor 9:6 (ref)

2. Tithing Is Still God's Plan For Today

~pre-law: Gen 4, Gen 14, Gen 28 (refs)

~law: Moses (Lev, Num, Deut); Pro 3:9 "first fruits"

~post-law: Matt 23:23 "tithe on all"; Heb 7:22 "better covenant"

3. Tithing Assures Great BlessingsFrom The Lord

~Luke 6:38 "in your bosom"

~Malachi 3:10 "try Me now in this"

~Matt 6:33 "seek first" "other things"

Statistics (Dr.Hood):

~20% of people give 80% of budget

~30% of people give 20% of budget

~50% of people give 0% of budget

~national average giving: 2.5% of income

Practical Benefits of Giving:

1. unwise spending eliminated

2. amount and quality of good works increases

3. helps us stay on track spiritually

Blessing Of Tithing

~"better to give that to receive"

~still God's plan

~assures God's blessing

"Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38