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# *The Surrendered Life*

## *Surrendering My Use of Money*

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What Parts of My Life Should I Give to God and  
What Parts Should I Withhold for Myself?

“And you shall love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength.” *Mark 12:30, ESV*

### **The Tithe Is 10% of My Gross Income**

“Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord’s; it is holy to the Lord. If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it.” *Leviticus 27:30–31, ESV*

### **5 Key Concepts:**

1. Given Holy/Exclusively for God’s use
2. Giving God Money Does Not Add Anything to God
3. All Things Belong to Him

“The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his.” *Psalms 24:1, GNB*

4. God Gives Me the Ability to Make Money

“Remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the power to become rich. He does this because he is still faithful today to the covenant that he made with your ancestors.”

**Deuteronomy 8:18, GNB**

## 5. It Is Obedience That Proves Our Worship

“Samuel said, “Which does the Lord prefer: obedience or offerings and sacrifices? It is better to obey him than to sacrifice the best sheep to him. Rebellion against him is as bad as witchcraft, and arrogance is as sinful as idolatry. Because you rejected the Lord’s command, he has rejected you as king.” **1 Samuel 15:22–23, GNB**

½ Way Obedience Is Total Disobedience

## Do I Have to Tithe in the New Testament?

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. **These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.**” **Matthew 23:23, ESV**

To Limit Tithing to Just the OT Would Be Like Limiting  
The 10 Commandments to the OT

Tithing Is Training Wheels for People Who Don't know  
How to Let Loose and Honor God with Their Money

## What Does This Look Like?

The Church Today Is Afraid of the Cost to Honor God by Tithing

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” And God will

generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others." **2 Corinthians 9:7-8, NLT**

## **2 Ways to Start**

Start with 5%

If You Cannot Live Off 90% of Your Income,  
You Cannot Live Off of 100%

Take The 90 Day Challenge

How Can I Tell When My Money Belongs to God?

"The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it." **Proverbs  
10:22, NLT**