



**GENEROUS: GOD MUST BE FIRST • MALACHI 3:6-12**

**I. WHAT IS THE TITHE?**

**II. WHY DO WE TITHE?**

**A. TITHING BREAKS THE POWER OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

**B. TITHING MAKES SURE GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN OUR LIVES.**

1. Deuteronomy 14:23 - *Bring this tithe to eat before the LORD your God at the place He shall choose as His sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (TLB)*

2. Proverbs 3:9-10 - *"Honor the LORD with your wealth, and with the best part of everything you produce. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine."*

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**C. TITHING OPENS THE WAY FOR GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**III. HOW DO WE TITHE?**

**A. Give \_\_\_\_\_**

- *Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure... - 1 Corinthians 9:7*

**B. Give \_\_\_\_\_**

- *For God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**C. Give \_\_\_\_\_**

- *They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service. - 2 Corinthians 8:3-4*

**D. Give \_\_\_\_\_**

- *Remember this: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously. - 2 Corinthians 9:6*