



Week 1: Know It

1 WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REFER TO AS THE _____?

- A. In the Old Testament, the word “Tithe” means to _____ a certain amount of one’s _____ . It is to be the first part and is _____. A tithe refers to a _____ of one’s income because the word literally means “tenth” or 10%.
- I. It was to be the first of everything you receive, and you must set it apart.
- a. Leviticus 27:30 says, “_____ from the land, whether _____, belongs to the Lord: it is holy to the Lord.”
- b. Exodus 23:19 - “The _____ of your land you shall bring into the house of the _____.”

WHY SHOULD WE BRING GOD OUR FIRST 10%?

- 2 A. It is a _____ for us as believers, that _____, and we are to honor Him by putting Him first in our lives and finances.
- I. If I were to lend you my car that belongs to me, would you have a hard time bringing my car back to me after I let you use it?
- a. No! Why? Because the car belongs to me!
- II. It’s the same when we bring our tithe! We can _____ because we acknowledge it already belongs to Him.

WHERE IS YOUR TITHE TO BE GIVEN?

- 3 A. Malachi 3:10 says, “Bring the _____ into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this.”
- I. The local storehouse is represented today as the local church.
- II. When we bring our tithes to the local church, it helps to advance the ministries that help us reach people for Jesus.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REFER TO AS AN _____?

- 4 A. Offerings are primarily an _____ to God for all He has done in our lives. They are given above the tithe to be used to _____ and to further the Kingdom of God.
- I. They can be monetary, material gifts, or any need that could be met to bless others.
- a. Share an examples of your offerings.
- B. As an example, offerings given at Victory support what we call “Kingdom Builders.” This provides support to Local Church Expansion, Global Missions, and Future Christian Leaders.

WHAT’S OUR HEART POSTURE WHEN WE GIVE?

- 5 A. Gifts should be given _____.
- B. 2 Corinthians 9:7 - “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”



Week 2: Have It

LAST WEEK'S RECAP - CORRECT ANSWERS GET A PRIZE

A. What is a Tithe?

B. Why do we Tithe?

C. Where is the Tithe to be given?

D. What are Offerings?

E. How should Tithes and Offerings be given?

God says to test Him in your giving.

- A. Malachi 3:10 - "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

ACTIVITY

- A. Grab a piece of paper and write down what you are believing in God for, as YOU put Him first!
I. Examples: car, college tuition, a job... etc.

NEXT STEPS

- A. What decision can we make starting today to do with the first part of our income?
B. How can our small group come together and reach our goal for our offering to Kingdom Builders?
I. Call to Action: Bring your tithe next week as a group, as we recognize everything we own belongs to Him FIRST!
II. You can give online (myvfc.info/give) or in the giving envelopes in the auditorium.



Week 3: Share It

TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE TO BE USED TO FURTHER THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND BLESS OTHERS.

- A. Jesus Himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)
 - I. Remember this from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8:
 - a. “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

ACTIVITY

- A. Write out an elevator speech (1 minute) to share with the group about what tithe and offerings are, and the WHY behind it biblically.
 - a. Goal - You should be able to effectively communicate this in a host spot in service, at your school, or to another believer.
 - I. Take turns in the group and present the elevator speech you wrote on your note card.
 - II. Everyone’s tithes will be received and we’ll pray over them together before putting them in the offering boxes.
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