

**Generous Living:
Moving Toward Excellence**

Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 8:7

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord."

Leviticus 27:30

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops..."

Proverbs 3:9

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' 'In tithes and offerings...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 you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3:8-10

Things to remember about the tithe in its relationship to grace:

1. Jesus never _____ the tithe, he _____ it.

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Matthew 22:21

2. The tithe _____ the _____.

3. The tithe should be the _____
_____ for the _____
Christian.

"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

*All Scriptures NIV unless otherwise noted.