

# God's Everyday Faith Challenge

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## GOD'S EVERYDAY FAITH CHALLENGE

*Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.*

1 Corinthians 10:11 (English Standard Version)

*“. . . Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’<sup>8</sup> “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings.<sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me.<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup>I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty.*

Malachi 3:7b-11 (New International Version)

## ARE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS REQUIRED TO TITHE?

### Two reasons the tithe continues for New Testament (NT) Christians

#1: God received tithes from Abraham before the Law was given.  
(See Genesis 14:18-20)

#2: Jesus reaffirmed the tithe in the New Testament.

*“How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.”* Matthew 23:23 (New Living Translation)

### Principles of giving on the basis of God’s grace . . .

#1: Every NT example of giving goes beyond the tithe. (See Acts 4:33)

*For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.* 2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (NIV)

#2: Grace always ups the standard.

*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 (NIV)