

*"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, ... "What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."
-Luke 16:13-15*

We need to know the proper way to express honor for God through our material wealth.

By giving according to how much He deserves.

By honoring Him as He has directed us.

Throughout the Bible the tithe has been the material expression of honor to God as provider.

Abraham - *Genesis 14:20*

Jacob - *Genesis 28:22*

The Law - *Leviticus 27:30-32; Numbers 18:29*

The Prophets - *Malachi 3:6-12*

Jesus - *Matthew 23:23*

The Epistles - *II Corinthians 8:1-5; Hebrews 7:1-10*

In the same way today the tithe is still the material expression of honor to God as provider.

God gave the tithe to those who were responsible to care for His house

Numbers 18:21-24

Through the tithe God provides for our spiritual needs.

There were also offerings and other giving that supported other activities that God prescribed.

Perhaps more than in any other area, God promises to outwardly respond to us based on whether we honor Him with our money.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Haggai

Malachi 3:6-12

II Corinthians 9:8

Philippians 4:19

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine.

- Proverbs 3:9-10

The God of the Bible is God of my life, my Source, Security and Provider for everything I have needed or ever will need. In my desire to express the attitude of my heart in an outward and material way...

_____ I COMMIT MYSELF TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME TO HONOR GOD AS MY LORD, MY SECURITY AND MY PROVIDER BY GIVING TO HIM A TITHE OF ALL THAT HE GIVES ME.

_____ I HAVE BEEN HONORING GOD WITH MY TITHE AND WANT TO REAFFIRM THAT MY GIVING IS MY FAITH EXPRESSION THAT GOD IS MY GOD, MY STRONG ONE, AND THE ONE IN WHOM I TRUST TO GIVE ME ALL THAT I NEED IN THIS WORLD.

_____ I COMMIT MYSELF TO SEEK GOD'S WILL FOR HOW HE WANTS ME TO HONOR HIM AND PUT HIM FIRST IN EVERYTHING HE GIVES ME.

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...You praised the gods of silver and gold... But you did not honor the God who holds in your hand your life and all your ways.

- Daniel 5:23

An essential part of our relationship with God is honoring Him for who He is.

"If I am a father, where is the honor due Me?... says the Lord Almighty. - Malachi 1:6

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

- Isaiah 29:13

Those who honor Me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.

- I Samuel 2:30

Honor - or dishonor - for God is displayed by what we do with our material wealth.

Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. - Malachi 3:6-8