

DAVE RAMSEY #3 THE TITHE

**God owns everything,
including all the money.**

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Psalm 24:1

Steward: The steward is one who manages the financial affairs of someone else.

- The steward gives a tithe to the local church.
- In Hebrew the word literally means 10%.
- The tithe is not a salvation issue. It is instruction on money from the owner.

THE PURPOSES OF THE TITHE

1. To teach us to be givers like Christ.

He designed us from the foundation of the world to be givers.

- *"Let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness."* Genesis 1:27
- *"God gave his only son . . ."* • John 3:16
- Giving the tithe is part of the rhythm of life, like breathing or letting the dogs out. If you don't do it, your life caves in.
- Givers prosper as husbands, wives, parents, employers, and employees. People like cheerful givers and want them around.

2. To remind us who the owner is.

3. It is part of praise and worship.

- Jesus, I love you. It is my delight, not my duty, to give like you do.
- *"God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7

4. It is Spiritual Warfare.

God promises to rebuke the devourer (the devil) for those who tithe. To stop his taking not only our goods but our teenagers and all that is part of our life on this earth.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my house. Test Me now in this," says the Lord of Hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven. And pour out such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes. So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground. Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:10

- The Lord says, "Test me."
Try it for 90 days. If it does not work, quit.

God has a plan - to walk us through the process of learning to love and care for each other for his glory.