

10 Biblical and Practical Reasons to Teach People to Give to the Lord 10% or more of their Income

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#1 It is a tried and proven pattern of giving done by godly people throughout the ages (regardless of cultures and income levels).

Gen 14:17-20, 28:16-22 Lev 27:30 Pr 3:9,10 Mal 3:7-15 Mt 23:23

#2 It will help them reverence God more in their life. Dt. 14:23

#3 It will bring God's wisdom and order to their finances and will help them harness the dragon of materialism in their life.

Matt. 6:19-21,24-34 Luke 12:16-21 I Tim 6:6-10,17-19 Ecc 5:10

#4 It will serve as a practical reminder that God is the Owner of everything in their life.

I Chron 29:11-18 Ps 24:1,2 Ps 50:10-12 Hag 2:8

#5 It will allow them to experience God's creative care and provisions in ways they would not otherwise experience.

I Kgs 17 Pr 3:9,10 Mal 3:7-15 Hag 1:4-11, 2:15-19 Lu 6:38 Deut 28 Phil 4:15-19 Mk 12:41-44

#6 It will encourage their spiritual growth and trust in God.

Deut 14:23 Pr 3:5,6 Mal 3:8-10 Hag 1:4-11, 2:15-19 II Cor 8:5

#7 It will ensure them treasure in heaven.

I Tim 6:18,19 Mt 6:19-21 Heb 6:10 III Jn 8 I Sam 30:22

#8 It will strengthen the ministry, outreach, and stability of their local church.

Acts 2:42-47, 4:32 II Cor 9:12,13

#9 It will help provide the means to keep their Pastor and missionaries in full-time Christian service.

I Cor 9:9-11,14 I Tm 5:17,18 III Jn 5-8 Phil 4:15-19 Gal 6:6 Lu 8:3 II Kg 4:8-10

#10 It will help accomplish needed building projects and renovations.

II Ch 24:4-14 Ex 35,36 II Kings 12:2-16 I Ch 29:2-19 Ez 1:4-6

Sir John Templeton, chairman of Templeton Funds that manages over \$15,000,000,000 (\$15 billion) annually in investments said:

"I have observed 100,000 families over my years of investment counseling. I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among those families who tithed than among those who didn't."

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