

# A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving  
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

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## On Loving God and Giving

There is a quote by an unknown author which is worth our remembering: “You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” One might say that our gifts to God and others are concrete evidence of our love for them.

The Bible does not teach us regarding how much we should give to humans, but it is fairly clear about giving to God. The prophet Malachi told the Jews to bring the “full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts,” as they came to worship God. (Malachi 3:10) He was talking about a tithe of their crops or animals or monetary possessions. The rule of thumb of giving, according to the Bible, is one tenth of a person’s gains.

Tithing is a wonderful practice throughout a person’s life. It is so because it means that we are serious in showing our appreciation to God, who has enabled us to have all of the blessings we enjoy daily. It is an indication that we love God and want to show it by what we give.

What every tither seems to learn is that tithing is not a hardship, but a genuine joy. Try it and see.

More information about the blessings of tithing is in the January issue of the **Stewardship** newsletter.

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