



Tithing FAQs

Tithing is a huge step of faith for every believer. It is by faith that we believe in Jesus Christ and it's by faith that we tithe 10% of our income into God's Kingdom to support the ministry of the local church. Therefore, because tithing is such a big step for every believer, we've compiled a list of common questions about tithing to help you better understand the principle of tithing.

What is tithing?

The word "tithe" is derived from the Hebrew word ma'aser and it literally means a tenth. Ten percent of everything belongs to the Lord. In Malachi 3:10-11, God says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house." The storehouse is the Old Testament picture of the New Testament church. So as New Testament believers, we worship the Lord with the tithe; or the ten percent.

How much am I supposed to tithe?

The bible commands that we tithe 10% of our total income. This can be on a monthly, weekly or bi-weekly basis.

What's the difference between my tithe and my offering?

The tithe is 10% of your income. God says that He has given us all that we own, and that the first 10% is dedicated to Him, and we are to be faithful in "bringing the tithe." Offerings are any generous giving that you do over and above your tithe. And while your tithe is designated for the local church, an offering is for you to be generous wherever you see a need.

Many followers of Christ confuse **giving regularly** with **tithing**, and while giving regularly is highly commendable, and it is a big step in and of itself, tithing is taking a full 10% of your paycheck, and giving it to the local church in order to be an important part of building God's Kingdom.

Where does my money go?

This is the big question everyone asks and quite frankly throughout the years it has not been answered thoroughly enough. You should know that The Faith Center is **100% supported** through your tithes and offerings. There isn't a third party association, organization or denomination that funds our church. We are funded by our members!

The money you give goes toward paying rent, salaries, equipment purchases, missions, community outreach etc. As we approach each new year and carefully and prayerfully develop our budget, we are looking through the eyes of faith into what we feel God wants us, as a church, to accomplish for him. So, with the new opportunities for ministry, we have new opportunities to touch lives and to build His Kingdom.

The Faith Center uses tithes and offerings for the growth and expansion of God's Kingdom. Just take a look around and you'll see exactly where your money is going starting with the facility, to the marketing, to the musicians, equipment, family nights, small groups etc. It's being used for Kingdom purposes.

Can I give online?

Yes you can! You can give safely and securely online by visiting www.igotfaith.org/giving.

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How will you keep track of my tithe?

The Faith Center has invested in a secure database to keep record of all of your contributions to our ministry. With this database in place, we can provide you with quarterly and annual giving statements.

Should I give while I'm trying to get out of debt?

Yes! This may sound irrational, because getting out of debt should be one of the highest priorities in your financial planning, but by obeying God first in your finances, we believe that God will supernaturally revolutionize your financial situation. And, since getting out of debt is all about discipline, just think of the benefits of developing a financial plan that includes God's prescribed discipline of faithful percentage giving. Through this faithfulness to God, you'll learn the discipline to be faithful in paying off your debt.

What are the ways I can give?

We're so glad you asked that question. You should be happy to know that we offer several different methods of giving. You can give in the following ways:

1. Bring your tithe and offering each Sunday to service and place it in the offering basket
2. Mail your tithe and offering to:

The Faith Center,
Attn: Finance Ministry,
1631 West Cayuga Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19140

3. Give online at www.igotfaith.org/giving or by registering for an online account by completing the registration form located at the information center.

Why should I give?

The first reason you should give is because it honors God by keeping his commandments. Secondly, the bible says "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21), therefore, you give your money to causes that hold near to your heart. The cause of Christ is the greatest of them all, which is to express the love of all those we encounter. Your financial seed funds our ability to positively impact the community and express the love of Christ to all.