



GOD FIRST

TITHE



NATURE OF TITHE

TITHE IS SACRED AND RESERVED

Holy unto the Lord. Lev 27:30

- **God owns everything** Ps 50:10-12
- **Non participation robs God.** Malachi 3:8, CS 66
- **Tithe as sacred reserve.** COL 300
- **Reserved by God for Himself.** GW 226
- **Holy means dedicated, consecrated, blessed, sanctified, apart for the Gospel**

An enduring ordinance means that tithe is still relevant in a post resurrection Gospel. Hebrews 8:1-6; CS 67; CS 69

A Covenant with God AG 151, CS 75. **Contract with God.**

The tithe belongs to God and is entrusted to the Church. 9T 249

PURPOSE OF TITHING

TITHE IS USED FOR MISSION

Tithe acknowledges God is the owner and provider. Genesis 28:20-22; Psalm 24:1; Psalm 116:12-14. Deuteronomy 8:18.

Tithe helps to overcome selfishness. TM 305 Education 44, 138, 139.

Tithe supports the gospel ministry. 1 Corinthians 9:13-14, 9T 247-249

Tithe used for mission in combination with regular offerings. 9T 250

TITHE AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

Gave the Gospel Commission to all disciples. Matthew 28:18-20

The Church commissions apostles to oversee the spread of the gospel. Acts 9:26-28; Acts 11:22; 1 Corinthians 9:3-14.

Fulfilling, sustaining and supporting the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:7-15. Leaders supported by the believers. 1 Thessalonians 2:9. Share with those who instruct you in the gospel. Galatians 6:6. The worker deserves his wages. 1 Timothy 5:18; Luke 10:7

System for the collection and distribution of tithe from 'Storehouses' throughout the World. Tith pg. 20. God assigns supervisors who make honest distributions. Nehemiah 13:12-13. Prosperity of the gospel commission locally is dependent on the support of work in foreign countries. GW 465

Appointed leaders to teach faithfulness and to handle gifts in an honorable manner. 2 Cor 8:16-21

CENTRAL STOREHOUSE

Returned to the storehouse that God appoints — where gathered in His name. Deut 12:5,6

Conferences/Missions are designated central storehouses on behalf of the worldwide Church. Tith pg. 20

Tithe is returned as part of the worship experience in the local church and online.

RESPONSIBILITIES



Responsibility of the Individual

Responsibility as "steward" to return a faithful tithe. CS 82



Responsibility of the Local Church

Believers return tithe to their local church. The local church promptly forwards to the Conferences/Missions.



Responsibility of the Church Organization

To achieve global commission, tithe is collected and distributed in proportion to the principle in Acts 1:8. 9 T 248



Be careful not to return tithes anywhere you please... bring them to the place the Lord chooses. Deut 12:13-14

