

What is Tithing?

The law of tithing is simple: we pay one-tenth of our income to the Lord.

Tithing money is used to build temples and church buildings,. It is also used for other things like hymn books, chairs, electricity, and activities.

If we will trust in the Lord, He will open the windows of heaven to us as we give back to Him the one-tenth He asks of us. His promise is sure: "I will ... pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

~James E. Faust, Second Counselor in the First Presidency
"Opening the Windows of Heaven," Ensign, Nov. 1998, 54

"I will always be grateful for a father and a mother who, as far back as I can remember, taught us to pay our tithing. In those days, in the ward in which we lived, the bishop did not have an office in the meetinghouse. We went to his home each December for tithing settlement. I can still sense my feelings of trepidation as I walked into that home as a very small boy to settle my tithing with Bishop John C. Duncan. The amount may have been only twenty-five cents, since we did not have very much in those lean times, but it was an honest 10 percent as we had figured it in our childish way, based on the little couplet that we would recite in Sunday School:

*What is tithing? I will tell you every time.
Ten cents from a dollar, and a penny from a dime.*

We never felt that it was a sacrifice to pay our tithing. We felt it was an obligation, that even as small children we were doing our duty as the Lord had outlined that duty, and that we were assisting his church in the great work it had to accomplish.

We did not do it with the expectation of material blessings, although we can testify that we have been so blessed. The Lord has opened the windows of heaven and poured out his blessings in marvelous measure. I know that he will bless all who walk in obedience to this commandment.

"The Sacred Law of Tithing," Ensign, Dec. 1989, 2

