

CHURCH FINANCES

“Throughout the Bible there are over 2,000 verses concerning money. This is roughly twice as many as faith and prayer combined... money is the main subject of nearly half of the parables Jesus told... Why? There is a fundamental connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about and handle money.” - Randy Alcorn

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

MALACHI 3:10

“Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, Hell or prayer. To Understand what it means to be a Christ follower we must also understand what it means to be a giver.” - Chris Hodges

At Element Church we recognize tithing both as an act of worship and as God's primary method of advancing His work: the support of His body: the local church. We believe giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for generosity and as followers of Jesus it is our goal to practice Biblical giving. This is not an *obligation to* God, properly understood it is an *invitation from* Him.

1. Tithe

The tithe, or “first fruits” of our labor/income belong to God. We find this principle all through God's Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9-10).

2. Offerings

An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life.” (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

3. The Gift of Giving - Legacy Team

The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God.