

Teachings about the Savior's Law of Tithing

Study the following resources, looking for what could motivate you or others to obey the law of tithing.

Scriptures:

Malachi 3:8–10; John 7:17; Doctrine and Covenants 119:5–7

Statements and other resources:

President Steven J. Lund, Young Men General President, taught:



When youth pay a full tithe, they form a link with Heavenly Father that remains. Every time they obey that commandment and make that payment, a new bond of sacrifice and connection is created. (Steven J. Lund, "Seminary, Institute, and Other Things that Work" [address given at the Seminary & Institute annual training broadcast, Jan. 27, 2023], broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)

For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices advises:

Show love for God by keeping His commandments. . . .

. . . As you fast and pay tithes and offerings, you show God that His work is more important to you than material things. (*For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices* [2022], 11–12)

While serving as a member of the Seventy, Elder Stanley G. Ellis asked:



Do we have the *faith* to trust [the Lord's] promises regarding tithing that with 90 percent of our increase *plus the Lord's help*, we are better off than with 100 percent *on our own*? (Stanley G. Ellis, "Do We Trust Him? Hard Is Good," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2017, 114)

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught:



Often as we teach and testify about the law of tithing, we emphasize the immediate, dramatic, and readily recognizable temporal blessings that we receive. And surely such blessings do occur. Yet some of the diverse blessings we obtain as we are obedient to this commandment are significant but subtle. . . .

For example, a subtle but significant blessing we receive is the spiritual gift of gratitude that enables our appreciation for what we have to constrain desires for what we want. . . .

Sometimes we may ask God for success, and He gives us physical and mental stamina. We might plead for prosperity, and we receive enlarged perspective and increased patience. (David A. Bednar, "The Windows of Heaven," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2013, 17–18)

Mary Fielding Smith was the widow of Hyrum Smith and mother of President Joseph F. Smith. When someone suggested that she was too poor to observe the law of tithing, she responded:

Would you deny me a blessing? . . . I pay my tithing, not only because it is a law of God, but because I expect a blessing by doing it. (Mary Fielding Smith, quoted by Joseph F. Smith, in Conference Report, Apr. 1900, 48)