

i Quit!

- Sometimes we have to quit doing **one** thing so we can start doing the **right** thing.
- Stop **coming** to church and start **being** the church.

- It **all** belongs to God.

The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours-you created it all. Psalm 89:11 NLT

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Haggai 2:8 NLT

How you win when tithing:

- Tithing makes you **resemble** God.

So God created human beings in his own image. Genesis 1:27 NLT

- Tithing is an act of **worship**.

If you love me, obey my commandments. John 14:15 NLT

- Tithing **blesses** you in **return**.

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 NIV

Why people don't tithe:

- I give my **time** instead.

- I give to those in **need**.

- I'm in **debt**.

Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7 NLT

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

- I don't **trust** the church.

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT

How your church wins when you tithe:

- We **reach** people for Christ.

Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:19-20 CEV

- It gives us a **place** to **meet** together.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25 NLT

- We **get** to **help** people.

If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless. True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us. James 1:27 KJV

Application:

- Practical - Don't **spend** more than what you **make**.

The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.

Proverbs 21:20 NLT

- Spiritual - Take a **step** of **faith** towards generosity.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 NIV

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture (or point) spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday?
- How does the statement "It all belongs to God" make you feel? Do you believe it?
- Knowing we were created in the image of God, does that challenge you to be more generous like Him? Explain.
- How can you remind yourself to make God a priority through your giving?
- Do you have any doubts that God will return the blessing when you tithe? Explain.
- Talk through the points under: "Why people don't tithe". Is there a reason you struggle with most?
- Debt is a hard thing to deal with. What steps can you take to get out of it? Are there steps you can take to stay out of it?
- What happens when we all do our part in tithing to the church? What happens when we don't do our part?
- Do you find it hard to not spend more than you make? What steps can you take to accomplish this (i.e. budget, accountability partner, etc.)?
- Do you find it hard to take a step of faith forward towards generosity? How can we work together to take a step of faith towards generosity?

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