

"Bring ye all the tithes into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and **Prove Me Now Herewith,** Saith The **LORD** of Hosts, 'if I Will Not Open you the Windows of Heaven, and Pour you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive It." **Malachi 3:10** KJV



A tithe is ten percent of anything. You can "tithe" of your time, money, effort, or substance. God has claimed the tithe of your increase as His Own. Most only think of money when they think of a tithe, but it is much more than that. Under Mosaic Law, if a man decided to keep something that God had claimed, he had to redeem or buy it back with money at double the price. A tenth part of all that a man possesses belongs to God, because first, God Claims it and second, if you have any increase at all, God Provided it! Do we tithe of our time, our thoughts, and our deeds to the Lord? Do you realize you owe ten percent of your breath to God, daily? "Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord." A tithe of twenty four hours a day equals two hours and twenty four minutes of each day. Sixteen hours and forty eight minutes of each week belong to God. It puts a new perspective on tithing, doesn't it? It isn't just the time you spend at church, but the time you spend alone with the Almighty Spirit that Created you. "Pray without ceasing" is more of an invitation to rendezvous with God than a dull command. He Implores us to "prove Me now." Maybe the reason you lack faith and provision is because you haven't proved God. If you give God what He Requires of your time and finances, God Will then Fulfill His Promise to Pour out Blessings. Your needs will be met. Money is just a means to an end. You don't need money, but what it can buy. If you give God the tithe He Asks, you will accomplish more with what remains than you could ever have accomplished had you kept it. This is the true meaning of "redeeming the time." You can't out-give God. God can and will multiply your time and finances if you give Him His due, first. "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness (OBEY) and ALL these THINGS shall be added unto you!" God multiplied the widow's oil and meal, but she had to be willing to give it to the man of God first, trusting in the Lord to supply her need. From that day forward, she never lacked. No amount of money can redeem your time. You can't buy it or sell it, but you can multiply it by giving it to God. Reading and meditating on His Word "day and night," and praying "without ceasing," and worshipping "in spirit and Truth." is how you give God your time. If you tithe to the local church in good conscience and the funds are mishandled, don't fret about it. Once you give it, it belongs to God. God will hold those accountable who plunder His coffers!

Our craft is beaten, tempest torn,  
To which we frightened cling, forlorn,  
We need, but trust our Lord's command,  
And leave our craft, on sea to stand. -CGP

I think we're afraid to prove God. We would rather cling to our last cruse of oil and last measure of meal than give it to God and trust completely in His Promise. We'd rather stay in the ship than walk on the sea with the Master. Have you "proved" God recently? The more you prove Him, the more you will trust Him!

"Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He Shall Give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He Shall Bring it to pass. And He Shall Bring Forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday." **Psalms 37:3-6** KJV