

Money-Back Tithe Challenge

FAQs:

What is the Money-Back Tithe Challenge?

Step 1: You sign-up so we know that you are officially doing the challenge.

Step 2: For the 3-month period of **March-May 2025**, give 10% of your income during those months back to God through Christian Assembly. The word “tithe” in the Bible just means “one tenth” or 10%.

Step 3: Pray and watch for God’s blessing on your life during the 3 months (see Malachi 3:8-11 below).

Step 4: At the end of the 3-month challenge (end of May 2025), if you want the money back, you can simply email giving@cachurch.com by the **end of June 2025** for a full refund. We will confirm from our registration list that you had registered to do the challenge, and once that is confirmed, we will refund to you all the money that you gave that we have on record for the 3-month period, no questions asked.

How do I sign up for the challenge?

You can sign up via our webpage www.cachurch.com/moneyback or by filling out a Money-Back Tithe card at any of our weekend services and dropping it in the tithe/offering box.

I’ve heard CA has done this challenge before. Has anyone shared any testimonies of God at work?

Yes, many, many people have. Here are a few quick, true stories from our previous challenges:

One person had won a labor dispute issues years earlier, but never received the payment and ultimately forgot about it. During the challenge, they received an unexpected call from the LA County Labor commission telling them they were being sent a check for \$4,100. But get this – they were adding interest on top raising the amount to \$7,600.

Another person had a \$7,000 car engine repair covered in an unexpected way.

A different person got a new job making double what they previously made.

Still others had stories of growing in discipline to reduce their expenses.

One person wrote that they skeptically prayed: “OK, God, I don’t know if you have any of this ‘magical money’ that you seem to have for other people, but if you do, I’ll give it ALL back to you. She went online to pay for her child’s preschool. It ended up being a nightmare where the online company took out triple the amount from her checking account by error. Then it

became a big hassle to get the additional funds back. But THEN – they said because of the hassle – the company was going to pay for her daughter’s preschool for the year, which was a couple thousand dollars. So, the mom thought: OK, this is magical money! And she gave it all back to God with a note on the line item of the check: God’s Magical Money. We thought it was fun to see God meet this woman at her point of skepticism to grow her faith.

What’s the Biblical basis for this challenge?

Many times, in the Bible, we are commanded not to test God; however, God makes one exception where He tells us to test Him. The exception is tithing (giving 10% of our income back to God as an act of obedience and worship). In Malachi 3:8-11, God invites us to put Him to the test in this area:

“Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.⁹ You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.”

This is just one passage that speaks of tithing. There are many others too.

I’ve heard it’s “legalistic” to tithe. Is that true?

No, it’s not true. Case in point, the first example of giving back 10% to God in the Bible was when Abraham did so in Genesis 14. That was before the law God gave to Moses. The law that God gave to Moses included the command to tithe back to God. Also, if you think about it, God’s law also says things like “do not lie” or “do not steal.” Most people don’t say stuff like “I think it’s legalistic to not lie and steal, so that’s why I am fine with lying and stealing.” The logic doesn’t hold up.

Plus, Jesus himself affirmed the tithe as something that should not be neglected as we also do the greater things of justice, mercy, and faith (see Matthew 23:23). Jesus also promises, “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

Why would CA offer this Money-Back Tithe Challenge?

For Christians who know the Bible, most of us know that God calls us to give at least 10% back to God since everything we have come from Him. However, the #1 reason that people don’t tithe is that they are afraid. The fear is that God won’t come through. So, this Money-Back Tithe Challenge helps to remove the fear. The worst that will happen is that you will have a 3-month savings plan in effect if you request the money back at the end of the 3-months. The

best that could happen is that you could be set free from the fear that God won't come through or that you can't trust Him in this area.

How do I give the 10% to have it included in this challenge?

You can give it anyway you want (online or in-person; checks, stock donations, cash in envelopes with your name and address on it). We must be able to identify that the funds came from you in order to refund the money to you if you request it at the end of the challenge. For that reason, unidentified cash donations (cash not put in an envelope with your name and address) are not part of this challenge.

Do you actually give money back with no questions asked?

Yes.

Why 3 months?

The Malachi passage cited above does not say 3 months. However, we think 3 months is short enough for you to give it a try, but long enough to require some faith and discipline.

Does CA have appropriate financial safeguards in place?

Yes. No one is ever alone with any offerings at CA. Every penny is budgeted, accounted for, and tracked with standard accounting procedures. All checks going out from CA require two approved signatures regardless of the amount. Our CA Council reviews and approves our annual budget. Our giving totals are reported monthly on the back of our weekend bulletin.

Are there any other ways I can equip myself financially?

God wants us to be great managers of all that He entrusts to us.

You can find more information regarding how to be good stewards through the CA Stewardship budgeting workshops: [Click here for Workshop & Resources](#)