

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house," etc.—Mal. iii. 10.
 "The tenth is the Lord's" "None shall appear before me empty."

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The Spiritual Economy of Tithe-Giving.

GIVING, like prayer and study, has its specific laws; so that, as prayer and study are ineffective without the fulfilment of certain essential spiritual and mental conditions, giving is also insufficient, as an act of the spiritual life, unless it conform to a divine law. God will not abandon so noble an element of life as the giving out of money to mere human caprice; He will reveal a principle which, though apparently arbitrary is inherent and vital. It is not necessary to discuss now the tithe-law, it is only necessary in this brief paper to show, by a leaf out of a journal of life, that conscientious tithe-giving has an evident relation to welfare in all its aspects.

From my earliest boyhood I had been habituated to giving money for benevolent and religious purposes—first, as a Sunday-school pupil, then as an attendant on church services, and, later, as a member of the Church. I gave with fair degree of liberality, according to demands made upon me, but without system, and without sense of definite obligation. At last, the thought of tithe-giving became clearly defined in my mind, and with the classification of thought, a classification of the sense of obligation. I assumed a new attitude towards God. Indeed, God became, if I may so say, more intensely personal than ever before. The act of setting apart the tithe became more definitely an act of faith, and took its place side by side with the observance of the Lord's Day. Indeed, I learned that the seventh law and the tithe-law were cognate, and that the same authority which required the dedication of the seventh of time to religious purposes in special act, also required the dedication of the tithe of income. I read Henry Clay Trumbull's little monograph on the subject, and, being convinced in conscience, set apart the tenth of my actual income (My income being wholly a salary income, I had no expense of business management, and so made no deduction for conduct of a commercial establishment). Not only did my sense of the divine personality become more intense, and my faith in the divine providence more profound, but my sense of peace with God became more complete. I felt that I had done all that was required of me as a condition of true worship.

Then, my sources of income were multiplied. New employment was offered to me. As a result I was enabled to give more largely than ever before. I had sufficient to meet a wide variety of demands, and, because I had more to give, acquired a greater interest in the manifold benevolent enterprises of my church. As compared with the contributions of wealthy men of business my donations were not large, but they were commensurate with my ability, and constant.

It may have been only a coincidence, and not a consequence, but my health, which had partially failed because of overwork and exposure to unfavorable conditions, became quite perfect. Beyond necessary household expenses my outlay was reduced to the minimum and I met with no losses. During "hard times" I retained my position, and when, pending certain readjustments, my income was reduced, I had more than enough to meet all my expenses. My tithe was regularly given, and, after a brief period of depressed receipts, my income was doubled. . . . I make no appeal to the selfish desire for personal welfare—solely to the sense of moral obligation. Yet I believe that tithe-giving is an element of the spiritual economy, and that the withholding of the tenth is wasteful, and inimical to spiritual welfare. I am convinced that if all Christians will conscientiously contribute the tithe, the church-life will be developed to its maximum, and Christian missions carried to that splendid victory which heralds the advent of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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Missionary Diagrams.

SUGGESTIONS for the following diagrams have been obtained from Pierson's Map and from the *Missionary Pastor*.

The following diagram is for the purpose of showing how the population of the world (about 1,600 millions) is divided among the various religions:

Draw on fine white cambric an acute angled triangle whose base is 3 feet and whose apex is 29 inches. It will