

True Prosperity: Tithing

Transcript for the Tithing vides by Lisa Natoli, Linda Leland, Bill Free and Judy Morton

Lisa Natoli

Hi, I'm Lisa Natoli and I want to talk to you about tithing.

Up until a few years ago, I had never even heard of the word tithing. I don't come from a religious background and when I was growing up, my family went to a Methodist church only on major holidays such as Christmas and Easter. So, I didn't even know of the word "tithing".

I started going to a Unity church several years ago and I took a prosperity class there. It was a 5 week class and tithing was a requirement. I was taught that tithing is an acknowledgement that God is your source and supply.

Tithe means "ten", so you give 10% of all the money that comes to you to wherever you're being spiritually fed. That's how I've learned it. You're giving your 10% to an organization or person who is inspiring you, uplifting you, encouraging you, or helping you to remember the truth.

This was the complete reversal of how I was used to living and how many of us are used to living. We're taught that our money is our own, we work hard for it, and we need it.

At the time, I had no money. I was working as a Zumba instructor. I had 10 years worth of credit card debt which I had been ignoring for years. I was in a place where I saw that I needed to do something completely radical and different. I got excited by this idea.

Since then, I've heard that a lot of people are very afraid of tithing. They have a lot of feelings of guilt and obligation. Because I had no reference, I didn't have that. I was just super excited to acknowledge God as my source and supply.

I was also excited to pay attention to money. I had gotten into a space where I no longer paid attention to money because I just didn't have it. For many years, I told myself that I didn't need money. It just wasn't my focus.

Through my study of A Course in Miracles, I knew that my situation in that time of lack was some how a block due to my own thinking. I was determined to do things differently in order to remove the block so that abundance, which I was told is what I am, could begin to flow.

So, I made a commitment. I said, "I'm all in. This is just 5 weeks. I'm doing this."

I began a practice that I'm going to show to you here. Mine was a box at the time, but I have a jar, a pen, and some paper.

I stated that, "From here on in, I am going to pay attention to the money that comes to me."

I also wanted to track that 10%. I noticed that I had never paid attention to money before. Money was actually coming to me all of the time. When money came to me before that moment, I always thought it was never enough. It was never enough to pay for my bills. I had a very negative attitude towards money.

I said, "For 5 weeks, I am going to live in a new way and I'm going to tithe. I am going to give 10% of the money that comes to me."

Tithing is the *first* thing you do with the money that comes to you. You don't pay your bills first and then give what's left over. The money comes in, you acknowledge that it comes from God, you thank God for it, and then you give the 10% back to wherever you're being spiritually fed.

Let's say that I found a quarter on the ground. I would do that math, concluding that 10% of 25 cents is 2.5 cents. It is this basic. I would write down 2.5 cents on my piece of paper, place it into my jar, and keep it for a week. Let's say that \$10 came to me. I would place a piece of paper into my jar that says \$1 on it, which is 10% of \$10. If I received \$20.79, I would put \$2.08 into the jar. It's very basic math.

You do not use your credit cards to pay your bills. You should not be going into debt when you're tithing. You should tithe from a place of joy, optimism, and enthusiasm. I know a lot of people tithe to *get*. Don't do that. I know a lot of people tithe because they feel guilty or because it's a requirement out of fear. That won't work. Get yourself into a space where you feel excited about a new way of living.

Before I started tithing, the basket would come around the Unity church for us to give every week, and I would throw in \$1 or \$2. I would only do this if I thought that the service was good. Maybe I'd put in \$5 or rarely \$10. I would only put in \$10 if I felt that someone needed to acknowledge me.

I was in such a place of lack that when I started tithing, it was a complete reversal. I just remember those first checks that I gave and the joy of giving. I want you to really keep that in mind. Think about the person who's receiving it. You're really in the flow now.

When I started doing this work, out of the blue, I got a \$10,000 check. That was shocking to me. It was from someone who had followed my work and was really grateful for how I helped her through the passing of her mother. So, I put a piece of paper with \$1,000 written on it into the jar. At the time, we were required to give it back to the Unity church and I loved that. They were the one's that were inspiring me.

In this program, we're not requiring you to give it back to the Teachers of God Foundation. If we're the ones that are inspiring you, then we happily accept it and love your support, but we really just want you to get into the practice of tithing and to be in the flow. We don't want to put any restrictions on you so we want you to give your tithe every week to wherever you're being spiritually fed, inspired, encouraged, and to whoever is helping you to live in the truth.

At the end of the week, I would get the paper out and calculate them all up and I would give it away. This practice completely changed my life. I will never go back to thinking that my money is my own. It's not my money. It belongs to God. I'm just the one that is flowing it. I encourage you to step in. Step in enthusiastically, in joy, and in gratitude. Have fun with it.

You will see that this practice will bring up all fear in you. It will bring up any blocks that you have around money. To me, that's the point of tithing. It's going to show you any places where you're holding back.

For 7 weeks, we invite you to give, give, give. Be in the flow of trust. Seek ye first the Kingdom and watch just how much your life can change.

I thank you with all of my heart.

Linda Leland

Hi, I'm Linda Leland.

I'm here to talk to you about tithing and the laws of giving and receiving. I've made this cardboard arrow to use as a tool to demonstrate. I really encourage you to make one for yourself because it's such a simple and pure illustration of a very important factor when it comes to tithing.

Usually when there's something that we think we need or feel we lack, such as self-worth, safety, money, or love, we look out in the world for it. We look outside of ourselves in an effort to bring that which we feel we lack, to us. It doesn't work. This is what causes frustration, depression, and anxiety. If you're here, you've been working hard to find the answers and solutions to your lack from somewhere outside of yourself and it's not working.

It's not working because it doesn't work.

I want to congratulate you. You're in a great place. I'm so glad that you realize that and can now show up in a whole new way. This is a pivotal point in your life. Realizing this, you are way ahead of the game.

It's time to reverse the flow.

When I first heard that God has given us everything, I was angry and confused. I thought

that I was going to eventually find Heaven or receive some reward from God later when I earned it. I was really looking forward to that.

That is absolutely not the case.

You have been given everything already. It's within you now. If you're not experiencing abundance somewhere in your life, it's because you have blocked the flow. You are looking in the wrong place. You've got to turn your arrow around.

God cannot give to you what cannot flow through you.

It's got to come out through you. Whatever it is that you're lacking, is wherever you're not giving. That's really important for you to understand and trust. If you think that your abundance comes from efforting, jobs, investments, from out there somewhere, tithing *is* scary! It doesn't make sense. You've worked so hard, you've got bills to pay, why would you give any away? It's frightening.

Once you open up a way for the imprisoned splendor that is already within you to escape, it becomes fun and you unblock the flow. Your level of abundance transforms. It changed everything for me.

I want you to see it like this.

You've already been given everything from God. Now it has to extend through you and then it comes back to you. Turn the arrow around. Whenever you're frustrated, it's because you have an arrow going in the wrong direction.

That's what tithing is all about. That's what giving is all about.

It's living and practicing this work even when you're scared. It's knowing, experimenting, and giving God a chance to show up.

If you don't fall backwards, how is God ever going to catch you?

Turn the flow around. You won't regret it. It's the single greatest thing you can do to shift your current level of abundance.

I love you and I thank you so much for being here.

Bill Free

Namaste.

My name is Bill Free and today I'm going to talk to you about tithing.

You are watching this video because you're in the True Prosperity Course. Tithing is an important piece of this course. I'm going to give you a quick overview of my own experience around tithing. I had a previous experience of tithing before I actually *got* it. I used to go to a church for a long time. I learned about tithing and I tithed out of obligation, fear, and guilt. When Lisa and I first discovered the influence of tithing, it

came out of the blue from a prosperity course that Lisa wanted to get involved in. The requirement for that course was tithing. When Lisa first talked to me about the prosperity course and its requirement to tithe, I said,

“I’m not doing that. I’ve done that and it felt terrible. I didn’t like the experience of tithing in all of those years of going to that church. I’d rather give to the homeless or to some other person than to feel obligated to do it.”

If tithing feels like an obligation for you, then you’re not ready for this experiment. You must first allow yourself to have a new perspective around this idea of tithing, like I did. When I decided to do it, I looked at those old thoughts and ideas and said, “Okay. I’m just going to try this for the length of this 5-week class. I’m just going to try it.” If you look at the resistance around tithing, for most people, it’s fear. There’s fear that there won’t be enough for me. So, it’s based on fear and on not trusting that God is your source. You’re thinking that your job or your next check is your source. This blocks the flow of the universe coming through you.

I encourage you to try tithing in your life as an experiment. Welcome a new idea about tithing in your life. Use this powerful practice to remove the fear that you have around money and decide that you want to trust God.

You will watch everything in your life change around giving and receiving which are the same. If you’re going to receive, you have to give. Learn to be generous. Learn to give more than 10%. Learn to give when people don’t expect it. It will bring so much joy to that other person. When you see that other person experience the joy of your giving, you actually get the benefits of it too.

I hope you are enjoying this course. I hope you get the most from it. This is your opportunity to give, and *then* you receive.
Thank you.

Judy Morton

My name is Judy Morton and I work with the Teachers of God Foundation.

I am so excited to be doing a video about tithing. Tithing is the most wonderful, free, and amazing practice to move us from a place of fear, lack, and worry to a place of total abundance, joy, and freedom. For me, tithing has brought complete financial freedom. I know that is a bold statement. I love tithing. I love talking about it and sharing this practice with others.

It’s something that we get a ton of questions about. That’s actually the reason why we created this course. There are so many people that have asked about this.

The words tithe actually means “ten percent”. Tithing is the practice of taking 10% of whatever money comes to us and putting it back into the flow of God. This means to tithe where you are spiritually fed. That can be a church, spiritual organization, or an author who writes books that inspire you. Tithing to where you are spiritually fed is really giving to a person or place that is opening up your heart to God. It’s an amazing tool that can take us from a place of worry to a place of trust and happiness when it comes to

money. The reason that tithing is so powerful is because there is a lot of emotional charge that comes along with it, especially because we are giving it away.

It's one thing to give to a charity and want to support an organization. That's wonderful and amazing when any of us do that. It's actually not the same thing as tithing. Tithing is when you get into a practice of giving 10% of whatever comes to you and putting that into the flow.

When I first heard about tithing, became curious about it, and never really understood what it meant, I thought, "No way am I going to give 10% of any money that comes to me!"

It just seemed ridiculous. It brought up a lot of fear, worry, and doubt. It made me suspect whoever suggested that I tithe because I thought, "This doesn't even make sense. Why would I give money away, especially when I feel like I don't have enough? I don't even feel that I have what I need in order to take care of my kids and myself."

It's actually the opposite.

When you tithe, you come into a place of total trust. Now, it is a tool in my tool box. Because of the emotional charge that money carries with it, it brings up everything that you've been holding onto around fear, worry, and lack. You have the opportunity to release each and every one of those things. It is heart-opening and mind-bending how this really works. Once you get into the flow of giving 10%, it becomes automatic.

A lot of people ask me, "How can I tithe? After I pay my bills every month, I don't have 10% to give away."

We actually tithe when money first comes to us. That's exactly what I do, before I even pay one single bill. Once you get into the flow of that, you actually don't worry about where money is going or coming from. It becomes a natural and beautiful practice of fully trusting. You realize that everything you need is being provided by a rich and loving father. This gives us a chance to acknowledge God.

I remember in the beginning thinking to myself, "I don't know how I'm going to get by doing this. I don't know how I could possibly take care of the things that I need to take care of if I tithe."

It was actually the opposite that happened.

Once I got into the flow, started giving, and enjoying it, I felt like Santa Claus. It has made me realize that everything that is needed is provided for. It's brought me to a place of complete trust. It's the most heart-opening and freeing tool that there is.

We're excited that you're here and we wish you all of the happiness that there is in this practice. Thank you.