



MAKE A DIFFERENCE – 1 OF 3

Put God First

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WE **GIVE** GENEROUSLY.

⁷You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

--2 Corinthians 9:7-9 NLT

GOD **MULTIPLIES** ABUNDANTLY.

¹⁰For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

--2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NLT

TITHING BREAKS THE CYCLE OF **SCARCITY** AND CREATES A NEW CYCLE OF **SUPPLY**.

THE POWER OF THE TITHE

1. THE TITHE TEACHES US TO PUT GOD **FIRST**.

²³The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives.
--Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB

2. THE TITHE BUILDS OUR **FAITH**.

¹⁰"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

3. THE TITHE PROVIDES FOR THE WORK OF GOD'S **CHURCH**.

¹⁰"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house..."
--Malachi 3:10 NIV