

90 DAY TITHING CHALLENGE

The City Of Restoration 90 Day Tithe Challenge

We want to **challenge you** to start tithing, and see God begin blessing your life as you commit to healthy financial stewardship.

How? We're asking you to commit to take **10% of your total income** for the next 90 days and give it to God through the church.

Who? Tithing is God's plan for every follower of Christ. However, the **90 Day Challenge** is for individuals or families that have not been tithing. Tithing is **10% of your income** not just regular or spontaneous giving in the church offering.

When? The **90 Day Challenge** will begin January 1, 2021 and will end March 31, 2021. You will then faithfully tithe 10% of your income, and at the end of 90 days you have another 30 days to request a full refund.

Why? The only thing in the Bible that God says to test Him on is tithing. We believe in it so strongly that we want to give you the opportunity to take God at His Word. God promises to take care of your financial needs when you trust Him by giving Him the first ten percent. He promises He will take care of all of our needs; you may not get a raise or a new car, but God will take care of your needs.

Then what? We understand that giving away 10% of your income can be a big (and often frightening) commitment! That's why we created the 90 Day Tithing Challenge: **a money-back guarantee** of sorts. Essentially, it's a contract based on the promises of God in **Malachi 3:10-11**. We commit to you that if you tithe for three months and God doesn't hold true to His promises of blessings, **we will refund 100% of your tithe. No questions asked.**

Terms and Conditions

Before participating in the 90 Day Challenge please make sure you've got the rules covered:

1. I understand that this form must be completed and received by The City Of Restoration prior to the beginning of the 90 Day Tithe Challenge period. (Deadline is January 15, 2021.)
2. I understand that my household qualifies for participation because we have not been tithing.
3. I understand that if paid at the physical service at The City Of Restoration, my tithe must be paid by check, a giving app or through the giving kiosk, so that my tithe can be properly credited.
4. I understand that I cannot seek a refund prior to the end of the 90 Day Tithing Challenge period, and I understand that I cannot seek a refund unless I complete the entirety of the 90-day period with consistent and faithful giving.
5. I understand that I cannot seek a refund for any contributions made prior to the beginning of the 90 Day Tithing Challenge period.
6. I understand that any request for refund must be received by The City Of Restoration office within 30 days of the end of the 90 Day Tithing Challenge Period.
7. You are agreeing to the following: "I would like to test God's faithfulness by accepting the 90 Day Tithe Challenge. I agree that for the three-month period stated below, my household will contribute to God, through The City Of Restoration, a tithe equal to 10% of our income. At the end of the 90-day period, if

I am not convinced of God's faithfulness to bless my life as a result of my obedience to His Word, then I will be entitled to request a refund of the full amount of contributions made during that 90 day period.

You've Got Questions? We've Got Answers!

Here's a short list of questions you might have about the 90 Day Challenge and tithing in general. If you have any other questions that aren't answered here, please feel free to email us: thecityofrestoration@gmail.com.

What is tithing?

The word "tithe" is derived from the Hebrew word ma'aser and it literally means a tenth. Ten percent of everything belongs to the Lord. In **Malachi 3:10-11**, God says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house." The 'storehouse' is the Old Testament picture of the New Testament church. So as New Testament believers, we worship the Lord with the tithe; or the ten percent.

What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

The tithe is 10% of your income. God says that He has given us all that we own, and that the first 10% is dedicated to Him, and we are to be faithful in "bringing the tithe." Offerings are any generous giving that you do over and above your tithe. And while your tithe is designated for the local church, an offering is for you to be generous wherever you see a need.

Many followers of Christ confuse **giving regularly** with **tithing**, and while giving regularly is highly commendable, and it is a big step in and of itself, tithing is taking a full **10%** of your paycheck, and giving it to the local church in order to be an important part of building God's Kingdom.

How do I participate in the 90 Day Challenge?

The first step is for you to sign up online at [The City Of Restoration](#). This just lets us know your intent to participate so that we can keep your finances separate from the church's main funds. It also gives us your agreement to the terms and conditions of the 90 Day Challenge.

Once you are signed up you need to specify when you give that your money is a part of the challenge. You can do this by consistently writing "90 Day Challenge" on your checks or in the memo on the kiosk for the duration of the timeframe.

The last step is to take a full 10% of your income at each paycheck, and either give at the kiosk, or write a check to **The City Of Restoration** and put it in the offering on Sunday morning, or mail it to: **The City Of Restoration 2802 State Road 60 East. Valrico, FL 33594.**

Can I give online?

Yes. You can give safely and securely online by visiting [The City Of Restoration](#) and clicking on the give page.

How will you keep track of my tithe?

The City Of Restoration carefully and confidentially tracks each gift in order to provide each giver with an end of the year report on their contributions by request.

What are the benefits of tithing?

Tithing carries multiple facets that will benefit your life. First, **God commands it** and **any time** we take God at His word we are using faith, and faith can move mountains. God promises to "open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing on you". In the book of Matthew, Jesus tells us that if we look after God's Kingdom first, that He will provide for our physical needs.

Also, in this country, when you give to a not-for-profit organization (like The City Of Restoration), you receive a **tax benefit**. At the end of the year, by request, The City Of Restoration will provide you with records of the total amount you have given over the year. When you file your taxes, your charitable donations are tax-deductible.

And last, but not least, when you decide to become a **percentage giver** you create **margin** in your life. By choosing to live on a lesser percentage of your income, when difficult situations and circumstances arise that margin will carry you through.

Where does my money go?

The City Of Restoration is **100% supported** through your tithes and offerings. The money you give goes toward paying rent, salaries, equipment purchases, community service events, etc. As we approach each new year and carefully and prayerfully develop our budget, we are looking through the eyes of faith into what we feel God wants us, as a church, to accomplish for Him. So, with new opportunities for ministry, we have new opportunities to change lives and to build His Kingdom.

Should I give while I'm trying to get out of debt?

Yes! This may sound irrational, because getting out of debt should be one of the highest priorities in your financial planning. By obeying God first in your finances, we believe that God will supernaturally revolutionize your financial situation. Since getting out of debt is all about discipline, just think of the benefits of developing a financial plan that includes God's plan of faithful percentage giving! If you need more advice on this, please contact us at thecityofrestoration@gmail.com.