

1. Who are the most generous people you know? How do they spend their extra money?
2. Financial advisors often recommend the strategy of 'dollar-cost averaging' as a conservative investment strategy. That is, pre-determining a set amount to be taken out of our paycheck to fund an investment. What makes it a good strategy? How have you used this strategy? How can this strategy be used to invest in the things of God? How does this relate to tithing?
3. What were you taught about 'the tithe' in other church settings? Were you aware that God required three tithes under the Old Testament law? (Leviticus 27:30, Deuteronomy 12:10, 18, Deuteronomy 14:28) Under this system God required tithes to fund the government, festivals, and welfare for the nation of Israel. How does this change your understanding of tithing in our modern cultural? What application does this have for your taxes? (Matthew 22:21)
4. Read Proverbs 3:9-10. What you do with your money is the most visible evidence of whether you honor the Lord. What does this verse say honors God?
5. Read 1Chronicles 29:12-17. What heart attitudes does God require in a giver? What is the significance that a gift be given willingly to the Lord?
6. Read Matthew 23:23. The Pharisees were meticulous tithers. Was Jesus pleased with their tithe? Why not? Why could tithing bring a false sense of relief?
7. Do you know what you spent last month on the following categories? Mortgage, Food, Gas, Phone, Savings. What percentage of your income was spent on those expenses? Do you know what amount you gave away? What percentage of your income did you give away?
8. God's order of priority for our finances is give, save, spend. Is that your order? Does your spending determine your giving or does your giving determine your spending? What areas of spending could you reduce in order to increase your giving?
9. Have you predetermine to be a generous giver by designating a percentage of all your income to be given to God? When was the last time you increased your percentage? Does the percentage you give to God require faith?
10. Malachi 3:10 identifies the "storehouse" as the place to bring tithes and offerings. The storehouse was the place of worship for the Hebrew people. Our cultural equivalent is the local church. Are you investing monetarily in your local church? What mechanism do you use to bring your gifts to the church? (ie: cash, check, online bill pay, etc.?) Is the offering time in our services an act of worship for you?
11. Describe a time when you put God to the test financially and then God 'opened the windows' of blessing to you.
12. Describe a time when you withheld what belonged to God and the 'devourer' came to destroy what you had.
13. Leonard Ravehill said, "You have an incredible opportunity to be the first person in the history of the world whom God has ever failed. So test him." How does this motivate you to obey God with your giving?