

At age 13 I got my first job cutting grass with my Father. One day, I was counting my earnings and speculating on what I was going to buy. Dad heard me and said, “Don’t forget to set 10% aside for the Lord.” No scripture, no teaching, just a statement telling me what I was supposed to do. My Dad was introducing me to Bold Economics. Economics is a branch of knowledge concerned with the production, consumption, and transfer of wealth, but this was Bold Economics. Not doing things the way the world does them, but rather according to God’s way of handling our resources. What did I choose to do? I just did what my Daddy told me to do. Why? Because I knew he loved me and would never tell me to do something that would hurt me, only help me. I’ve been tithing, giving 10% of all my income to the Lord ever sense that day.

### **Bold Economics 101 - The Tithe Is Holy to The Lord**

**Leviticus 27:30-31** “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. 31 Whoever would redeem any of their tithe must add a fifth of the value to it.

Tithe –“The giving to God of one-tenth of what you earn”.

In the giving of a tenth. the people acknowledged that God was the true owner of their LAND, the giver of the GRAIN and FRUIT, and they were only the tenants of all that belonged to God. Therefore, we are all dependent upon God as our provider. The tenth is holy to the Lord.

### **Bold Economics 102 - Jesus Said We Should Be Tithing**

**Luke 11:42** 42 “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

**Matthew 23:23** “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law justice, mercy and faithfulness. ,You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

### **Bold Economics 103 - Tithing Is Not A Matter of Money; It's A Matter of Trust**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**5** This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

**6** That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

**7** “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

**8** They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

The heart warning:

**9** The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Who can understand it? **10** “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.”

## Trusting God benefits us.

- **God provides for the faithful who trust.**
  - **Malachi 3:10 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.**
  - Into the Storehouse – Your local church where you are being fed.
    - *You don't eat at Wendy's and pay McDonalds.*
    - *My check doesn't go to my neighbors and the good things they are doing.*
    - *Don't send your money to an evangelist if you can't meet needs at home.*
- **God protects the faithful who trust.**
  - **Malachi 3:11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe, ” says the LORD Almighty.**
  - (NKJ) I will rebuke the devourer for your sake. **“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10**
- **God makes the trusting person's life attractive to others.**
  - **Malachi 3:12 “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.**

## **Bold Economics 104 - Keeping What Is Holy to The Lord is Stealing**

### **Malachi 3:8-9**

**8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings.**

**9 You are under a curse —your whole nation—because you are robbing me.**

Tithe and you will be blessed. Yes but... Rob God and you will be cursed, even your whole nation. Thank God for Mercy and Grace. We don't always get what we deserve.

I want God's Best for You! You are asking for God's Best! But are you asking for the blessings of God on one hand and doing things that result in a curse on the other hand?

## **Bold Economics 105 - Put God and Tithing to The Test!**

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Try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, (NKJ)

Prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, (KJV)

Try it! Let me prove it to you! (NLT)

Either all of God's word is true and works in our lives, or none of God's word is true and it has no impact on our lives. Is it true or not?

If we can't trust God and believe that we can be blessed and prosperous with 90% of our income, then how can we trust God for salvation, deliverance, healing, protection, etc.?

## **Bold Economics 106 - God Wants to Bless You!**

Why would God be challenging us to test Him? To test His principle of tithing ten percent? Because God really wants to bless you, not take from you!

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I will Open the windows of heaven (send the needed rains).

ILL Now let’s believe God that He is going to open the windows of heaven in your life. Send the needed rains. Send the needed ...Jobs ....Home Buyers... Cleaning contracts... Promotions... License... Degree... Business opportunity etc.

I will pour out such a blessing that there will not be room to receive it, contain it, or store it. But who wants to store it anyway?

Key to God’s Prosperity! You can’t contain it or store it; you must share it with those in need.

God wants to bless you and He is pleading with you to give Him a chance!

## **Bold Economics 107 – Joy Produces Generosity and Generosity Produces Joy**

**2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NLT)**

**Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. 2 They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.**

**3 For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. 4 They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. 5 They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.**

**6 So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving.**

**7 Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.**

## **Bold Economics 108 – God Loves a Cheerful Giver**

**2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

### **Bold Next Step: Bold Economics Tithing Challenge**

**1) I will Boldly participate on Believers all tithe day. 2-28-21. Everyone Boldly brings 10% of their weekly earnings to Church!**

**2) I will put God to the test as I participate in the 2021 March/April tithing challenge. I will tithe for two months and see if God is faithful to His word.**

**“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**