

## Wildwood Baptist Church

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### “Pass the Plate Please”

*Matthew 6: 21; Leviticus 27: 30*

Tithe = 1/10 or 10%

*Malachi 3: 10*

The Bible indicates that the **tithe** is to be given to the church.

*Hebrews 13: 17; Proverbs 3: 9*

The Bible indicates we are to give to God **first**.

*Malachi 3: 8-9; Matthew 23: 23*

Jesus said to practice the latter (**tithe**) but don't neglect showing justice, mercy and faithfulness.

*Galatians 3: 13; Hebrews 7: 8; 1 Corinthians 9: 13-14*

We're also told to give to those who are in **need**.

*Proverbs 19: 17; Matthew 25: 35-40; Romans 2: 6; Ephesians 6: 8; Matthew 10: 42*

Roadblocks to Giving:

- Unbelief
- Insecurity
- Pride
- Idolatry
- Control

We are tempted to live for today, live for ourselves, and independent of God's **plan**.

*James 4: 13-17; Hebrews 11: 13*

Give like Earth is not our **home** and Heaven is!



## Joyful Giving Covenant

1. I recognize and affirm God's full ownership of me and everything entrusted to me.
2. I set aside the first fruits—at least 10 percent—of the wages and gifts I receive as holy and belonging exclusively to the Lord, giving that back to Him.
3. Out of the remaining gifts God entrusts to me, I seek to make generous freewill offerings as I become aware of needs.
4. I ask god to teach me to give sacrificially to His purposes, including helping the poor and reaching the lost.
5. Recognizing that I cannot take earthly treasures from this world, I determine to lay them up as heavenly treasures—for Christ's glory and the eternal good of others and myself.
6. I ask God to show me how to lead others to the present joy and future reward of joyful giving.

(Adapted from Randy Alcorn's "The Treasure Principle")

