

NUGGETS FROM SERMON
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PARTNERSHIP FOR SURVIVAL

Very few of us can survive without dependence on someone else. After the fall of man God initiated many ways by which man could still Partner with Him. The practice of Tithing, tenth part, was introduced from creation.

A. THIS PRACTICE PROVIDES a CONNECTION with man and GOD
(Genesis 28: 20-22)

- **It is a test of love, and obedience that operates as a bridge between man and His maker.**
- It is the human nature that makes man think he can survive alone.
- Tithing is an expression of thanks for the past and an indication of hope for the future.
- Partnership requires that each party does his part. God Determines one tenth for Him and nine tenth for our survival.

B. TITHING TEACHES MAN THE PRINCIPLE OF SHARING WITH AND CARING FOR OTHERS (Deuteronomy 26: 12-13)

- The principle of tithing is God's way of providing for the needs of the entire body.
- We are dependent on each other for survival but we vary in our ability to fulfill our individual needs.
- Each contributes to the pool according to his ability, and then our needs will be supplied from the resource; **hence, Malachi 3:10.**

The structure of C. B. C where we pool our resources to make buildings for our use, provide Spiritual education, refreshment on Sundays, pay the workers, meet our bills, provide for missionaries and assist the needy, and students and so on, are examples.



- God is not going to send any beggars, or print new money to maintain His work; He will touch new hearts to follow his principles of tithing.

C. TITHING WAS CREATED AS A SYSTEM OF PERSONAL INVESTMENT (Leviticus 27: 30-32)

- God is the believer's banker; the believer gives his tithe to the institution and it is recorded against his name. Your dividend is issued by Him personally.
- Tithing gives the believers first right to God's resources but God looks at the motive with which he gave.
- Tithing has nothing to do with how much, it's all about the principle and practice of partnership with Him. In the local banking system they look at how much you invested, but in God's banking system He looks at our attitude to giving.
- Most investments are for a rainy day; make sure you invest enough truth, faith in your deposit, generosity in sharing, and consistency with your practice. It is the Lord who owns, produces and distributes the wealth of the land. **(Deuteronomy 8: 18).**

