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THE RECORD
OF MY
STEWARDSHIP

“THE TITHE IS THE LORDS”

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Dear Fellow Steward:

You are hereby welcomed into the fast growing membership of the Georgia Baptist Tither's League, and you are presented with this memorandum book as a constant reminder to you to keep books with the Lord and to make the tithe of your income the minimum of your giving to the work of his kingdom. May the Lord richly bless you and give you the exceeding great joy of the sweet consciousness of faithful stewardship.

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How to Determine the Tithe

[ADAPTED FROM "HOW TO TITHE AND WHY."]

What is my Net Income?

If you are a farmer, it is all the money you receive for the products of your farm and the cash value of all your family consumes. From this gross amount it is fair to deduct, before tithing, all money paid for hired help and taxes on your farm; also the cash outlay for repairs on buildings, farm implements, stock, etc.

If you are a physician your net income is your entire income less your professional expenses, such as office rent, medicines, cost of keeping a horse, automobile, etc.

If you are a lawyer, substantially the same rules apply as to a physician.

If you are a minister it is the total amount you receive less traveling and other expenses connected with your ministerial duties.

If you are a merchant or a manufacturer or a banker, of course you keep accurate accounts. Your net income is the gross profits of your business less strictly business, but not family or personal expenses.

If you are a mechanic, or employe and wage-worker in any capacity, whether by the day, month or year, your net income is your total income less legitimate business expenses connected with your work, such as car fare, etc.

"Suppose I am in debt. Should I not pay my debts before tithing my income?"

No. As well talk about not paying the interest on the money you borrow to use in business because you owe your grocer or other debts. Your Tithe is of all debts the most sacred. Under such a rule, all you would have to do to escape all obligations to give or pay anything would be to keep in debt.

"Suppose I am able to support my family only by close economy; should I pay one-tenth?"

Yes. And if for no other reason than because the remaining nine-tenths will go further.

Tithing is a matter of faith—trust God to care for you on nine-tenths. Can you trust God? Try it. Will he support you? Mal. 3:10.

"To what objects should I devote the tenth of my income?"

The most comprehensive and satisfactory answer is that it can be properly applied to every cause which has for its object the upbuilding and advancement of Christ's Kingdom, commencing with the free, strong and hearty support of your own church and pastor.

"What does the advancement of Christ's Kingdom include for Georgia Baptists?"

Pastor's salary and local church expenses, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Orphans' Home, Hospital, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges and all other interests fostered by our Baptist people.

"Suppose that for the present I am not quite decided to adopt tithing my income, but that I resolve to be more liberal. Will not that answer?"

Liberal in what? Paying only a portion of your debt? You owe the tithe. Liberality does not commence until that has been paid.

"Suppose I give until I feel it?"

Possibly you have inherited or acquired a "close" disposition and would "feel" the giving of a nickel or a dime when you ought to give a dollar; or you might "feel" the giving of a dollar when you ought to give ten. Or on the other hand, you may have a naturally generous nature and in order to "feel" it, would have to give, say, ten dollars when one, or two, or five

would be nearer right. Feeling is not a safe guide. God's law, which is but another name for God's principle, of paying the tithe is a safe guide and it pays, literally and in every sense, to obey it.

"If I receive a gift of money or a legacy, should I devote the tenth of it to God and His work?"

Yes; the remainder then becomes capital from which you may spend for other purposes, make free-will offerings, or invest for the purpose of producing income. If you prefer to keep it all, credit your Tithing account with one-tenth of its value and pay this out as you have opportunity.

"Suppose the gift or legacy is in property?"

If you cannot divide it regard it as capital and tithe the income derived from it.

"Suppose my income is derived from investments or from rented property, what is my net income?"

It is all you receive, less the cost of collecting, taxes, repairs, etc.

"Suppose I have no regular income?"

Tithe whatever money you receive, whether in gifts, allowance, or for labor performed.

"Suppose a boy or girl is given say fifty cents a week as an allowance and is willing to give one-half of it or one-tenth of it to good objects as you advise; what advice would you give?"

One-tenth by all means. It is folly to train a child in habits that are not expected nor intended to be permanent.

"In our gifts to different objects we are often in doubt as to what should or should not be charged to our Tithing or Tenth account. Can you give any general rule which will serve as a guide in these matters?"

The rule commonly followed is to charge to that account all money voluntarily given, and the fair cash value to you—not to the recipient

—of all else given to the cause of the Master or where the object is to do good in His name and where you never expect the return of either principal or interest.

If you have not already done so, will you not at once resolve to begin paying what you owe? No matter what your income, nor from what source it comes. No matter how old you are, or how young. You receive something; set aside one-tenth of it.

Do not think or say you cannot afford it. You can. You will not only have more money to spend for Christ, in doing good, but you will have at least as much, if not more, for your own use, if you do it. You cannot afford not to do it.

"Sounds strange?" Possibly it does, but no stranger than that you can do more work in a year, working six days in a week, than if you work seven. In other words, sacrificing 14 per cent of your time without pecuniary reward. Thousands, tens of thousands, have tried tithing their income—are trying it—and their testimony is uniform as to its benefits.

Tithing pays! Pays in spiritual blessings; pays in temporal prosperity; pays in happiness; pays in embraced opportunities for usefulness and doing good; pays in a higher, deeper, broader, happier Christian experience; pays in every good sense.

"Don't know your exact income." You know approximately. You know what you have now; tithe that. Do it now! You know what you receive today—this week. Make the start. Take the first step. Light will come as you need it. You have your Father's promise; take Him at his word. They include temporal as well as spiritual blessings. Test them by saying "I will."

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Total Business Cost

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Total Tithe Disbursed .

Balance of Tithe on Hand

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Balance of Tithe on Hand

SUGGESTIONS

- \$100** will help a boy or girl through school for a year.
 - \$100** will pay publication of 10,000 good tracts.
 - \$120** will support a native worker in a foreign field.
 - \$120** will greatly aid an aged and infirm preacher.
 - \$150** will support an orphan for a year.
 - \$200** will pay school expenses of young preacher for a year.
 - \$500** will establish Church Building Loan Memorial.
 - \$500** per year will support a bed in our hospital.
 - \$500** will put a missionary pastor in a needy field.
 - \$720** will support a single foreign missionary.
 - \$1,200** will support a single home missionary.
 - \$1,440** will support foreign missionary and wife.
 - \$2,000** will support state evangelist and wife.
 - \$5,000** will endow college lectureship.
 - \$5,000** will establish memorial in orphanage, hospital or school.
 - \$10,000** will permanently endow a bed in our hospital.
 - \$50,000** will endow a professorship in a college.
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Make your will in favor of the Lord. Better still—administer it while living.

If interested, write The Mission Board. Flatiron Building, Atlanta, Ga.

GOD'S HOLY TITHE

1. Practiced by the oldest races.
2. Practiced by Abram. Gen. 14:18-20.
500 years before Moses.
3. Practiced by Jacob. Gen. 28:20-22.
400 years before Moses.
4. God says the Tithe is "Holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30.
5. Moses incorporated the Tithe in the Hebrew Law.
6. God commanded the Preachers to Tithe. Num. and Deut. 18.
7. God calls the delinquent Hebrews "robbers" Mal. 3: 7-11.
8. Jesus approved the Tithe. Mat. 23: 23; Luke 11;42.
9. Paul emphasized the Tithe. 1 Cor. 9:7-14.
10. The Tithe Glorified in Hebrews 7.
11. Practiced faithfully by early Christians
12. Practiced today by many Christians.

Obediance is better than Sacrifice

Objects Fostered by Georgia Baptists

STATE MISSIONS

Supports Mission Work in Georgia

HOME MISSIONS

Supports Mission Work in the South

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Supports Mission Work in other Lands

ORPHANS' HOME

Supports Hundreds of Children

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Supports Aged and Infirm Ministers

HOSPITAL

Supports the Gospel of Healing

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Support Christian Education

MIN'L EDUCATION

Supports Preachers & Workers in our Schools