

GIVE

God claims **OWNERSHIP**
of the first **tenth** (tithe)

- symbol of **sovereignty**
- expression of **gratitude**
- demonstration of **faith**

USE?

- support/sustain ministry
- fund worship
- aid for poor, disadvantaged, disabled, etc.

Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. You ask, “How do we rob you?” In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse ... because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Test me in this and see if I do not
throw open the floodgates of heaven
and pour out so much blessing that
you will not have room enough for it.

(Malachi 3:8-10)

Those who withhold the tenth are **stealing** from God and those who are afraid to part with it should be willing to **test** him.

While the tenth portion is not actually discussed in the NT, there is nothing to indicate that it was changed by God's new covenant or "fulfilled" by Christ.

ATTITUDES

- **FOLLY** – I earned it ...
- **FEAR** – I cannot part with it ...
- **FIRMNESS** – This is my demonstration of putting God first. Period

With money, as with many other resources, the first **PORTION** represents the first **PRIORITY!**