

## Three-Month Challenge

February - April 2012

The word "tithe" is derived from the Hebrew word ma'aser and it literally means a tenth. In Malachi 3:10-11, God says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house." The 'storehouse' is the Old Testament picture of the New Testament church. So as New Testament believers, we worship the Lord with the tithe, or the ten percent.

God doesn't need our money. He owns everything. But we give first because it takes faith and God wants us to trust Him. He tells us in Proverbs 3:9-10 to "honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops and then your barns will be filled with overflowing." We give out of love for God and He will bless our obedience.

But giving away ten percent of your income can be a big and often a frightening commitment! That's why we created the Three-Month Challenge: a money-back guarantee of sorts. Essentially, it's an agreement between you and God based on Malachi 3:10-11. We commit to you that if you tithe for three months and God doesn't hold true to His promises of blessings, we will refund 100% of your recorded tithe. No questions asked.

### Instructions

Step 1. Read the terms and sign the agreement on the opposite page.

Step 2. Begin tithing 10% of your income via one of the following options:

#### *Option 1 – Give via check:*

1. Complete a personal check
2. Place it in the weekly offering during Sunday service

#### *Option 2 – Give via online scheduled contributions:*

1. Go to <http://www.pointofgrace.com/3mc> and click the GIVE ONLINE icon
2. Login with your username and password or create an account if you do not have one
3. The Schedule New Contributions form will display in a pop-up Window. Complete this form and click the Schedule New Contribution button. (NOTE: Please ensure pop-ups are not being blocked by your browser)

Step 3. Pray for God to bless you for your obedience.

## Three-Month Challenge Agreement

Before participating in the Three-Month Challenge, please read the following terms and sign the agreement below. Remember to keep this agreement with you records.

- I understand my tithe must be given by check in the Sunday offering or online via recurring payment so it can be properly recorded.
- I understand I cannot seek a refund prior to the end of the Three-Month Challenge period.
- I understand I cannot seek a refund for any contributions made prior to the beginning of the Three-Month Challenge period.
- I understand the Point of Grace Finance Team must receive request to refund all my tithing within 30 days of the end of the Three-Month Challenge period.

By committing to the Three-Month Challenge, I agree to the following statement:

*I would like to test God's faithfulness by accepting the Three-Month Challenge. I agree that for the three-month period of February through April 2012, my household will contribute to God, through Point of Grace Church, a tithe equal to 10% of our income. At the end of the three-month period, if I am not convinced of God's faithfulness to bless my life as a result of my obedience to His Word, then I will be entitled to request a refund of the full amount of contributions recorded during the three-month period.*

Signature

Date

***Keep this agreement with your records  
Remember, this agreement is between you and God***