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Dear Parish Family:

Have you ever experienced God's abundant blessings after you have tithed? When we give God 10% of what belongs to Him, He blesses us in ways beyond measure. As Paul says in his Second letter to the Corinthians 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver." Here are testimonies of people who received God's blessings after tithing. This will also happen to you when you faithfully give God His 10%

- *I remember praying with my wife and telling God that if He really can do what [His word says](#), then it will all work out. We went ahead and started tithing the correct amount, not knowing where the rest of the money was going to come from to pay the bills. I am not exaggerating at all when I say that the NEXT DAY, my boss called me into her office to tell me about a completely unexpected raise that she was giving me. The raises normally only came once a year and this was way off the schedule. Guess how much it was for. Yep, it was almost the exact amount of the difference. I must say that experience was a strong encouragement for my faith.*

Another Christian said:

- *I do give my full tithe, and never had problems keeping my bills paid on time.*

And another added:

- *I pay tithes and all my needs are met and all my debts and bills are paid with money to spare.... God is good!*

These are some of the benefits you can depend from God when you start giving to the Lord.

These are real testimonies from real people. One way for you to begin to enjoy your financial blessings is to make a commitment to give to the Lord today. We don't give to God out of charity; we give to God in thanksgiving for what He has given us. Someone said long ago,

"Stewardship is not leaving a tip on Gods table; it is the confession of an unpayable debt at Gods Calvary." And another added "Stewardship is what a person does after saying, **I believe.**"

I encourage you, in the name of Jesus, to make a commitment to God today, to make a joyful effort to give Jesus His 10%. When you start giving the Lord your tithe you will become more aware of God's love, mercy and His abundant blessings.

In His Name,

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