

A photograph of a middle-aged man with light hair, smiling and looking down. The photo is set within an ornate, dark-colored frame with intricate scrollwork and floral designs. The frame is tilted slightly to the right. The background of the entire page is white with faint, light-colored floral patterns. A large, solid gold-colored shape, resembling a stylized arrow or a decorative banner, points from the left towards the bottom right, partially overlapping the frame and the text.

TEN

WATCH it

What if we took tithing to literal extremes? In this video, a man happily gives ten percent of his entire life to God.

READ it

2 Corinthians 9:7
Luke 6:38
Acts 20:35
Mark 12:41-44

LIVE it

Remind students that because God has shown such generosity, it should be their desire to give back to Him as an act of love. True giving requires that their heart be in the right place. Furthermore, help students realize that Jesus' picture of giving was one of sacrifice; a tithe is a good starting point, but like the widow in the Temple, they are called to give sacrificially. Encourage students to examine their attitudes about giving back to God.

DISCUSS it

~What is a tithe?

~Does tithing satisfy Jesus' commandments on giving?

~Why does God need you to give to others if He can provide for them?

~What if you don't have that much to give? How can you give to God in other ways?