



Joy

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- Focus** God created giving so we could share in His greatest joy. When we give our tithes and offerings cheerfully to God, we experience a new level of joy in our relationship with Him.
- Fun** Can you recall one of your proudest moments growing up? Was it an accomplishment or a compliment from someone?
- Review** Key Scriptures: Deuteronomy 14:22–26; Leviticus 27:30; Exodus 23:19; Philippians 4:13–19; 1 Chronicles 29:3

1. The Joy of Returning

We bring the first 10 percent of our income to the house of God, the Church. The tithe is set apart and belongs to God. God blesses us with income, so we return the tithe to Him in gratefulness. We celebrate with joy because God has given us the ability for increase.

2. The Joy of Giving

God loves for us to give cheerfully above the tithe. He supplies the needs of those who joyfully give more than their tithe to the Church.

3. The Joy of Extravagant Giving

By ungrudgingly giving over and above the amount of regular giving to the Church, you can experience a new level of joy.

Group Dynamics Idea Ask your group for testimonies of how tithing has changed their lives. Members may also want to share how they hear from God, whether verbally or through Scripture, impressions, or visions.

Discuss

1. Why would an offering given grudgingly or out of necessity not bring joy? What does it mean to God when the giver is cheerful?
2. Does God value joyful giving? Does He share in rejoicing with the giver? How so?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. How is the heart of a giver connected to being a cheerful giver?
4. Describe a time when you obediently gave an offering to build God's house and then experienced a new level of joy.
5. Why is it important to God for every Christian to know the joy of giving?
6. Read Philippians 4:17. How can bringing your tithe and offerings grow spiritual fruit?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Every person can experience the joy of giving.
- The tithe is brought to God's house, not spent or given where you want.
- We give joyfully to God with gratefulness because He gives us the ability to make the income.

Prayer Father, thank You for giving us the ability for increase. We share our joy with You when we bring our tithes and offerings to the Church. Jesus, through Your love and grace, we grow spiritual fruit when our affection is set upon Your house. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tips Assure your members that consistent attendance produces faithfulness and provides support and encouragement to the group. Sincerely thank individuals by mentioning ways they have blessed the group.