

Do you also tithe to yourself?

The Bible indicates that God's people followed the law of tithing anciently. Church members give one-tenth of their income to the Lord through His Church. These funds are used to build up the Church and further the work of the Lord throughout the world.

So you tithe to God, but do you also tithe to yourself?

I was raised following the principle of the tithe, and I have tried to always put that first. What I wish I had learned earlier was to tithe to myself second!

The principle is simple:

1. 10% to God
2. 10% to future you
3. 80% to current you

That is the best starting investment advice I can give.

What if I can't live on 80%?

If you don't have 10% to give to future you right now, give future you SOMETHING! The key is to start the habit and keep the habit. Through action behaviors change and become refined. So much of our poor buying and spending habits come from future you not being part of the picture.

When church members are struggling with living the law of the tithe, the topic of faith is always part of the discussion. Do you have faith that God will bless you for being obedient to His law and helping His kingdom on earth? I've heard some give the advice to just start paying the full 10% and look for miracles to happen. I've heard others give the advice to start with 2%, or 5%, or whatever you think you can afford at the time. Show God you are willing to follow his law as best you can and look for miracles to happen.

Regardless, a habit is formed, nurtured, and through action, behaviors are changed and refined.

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