

WHERE DOES YOUR TITHE DOLLAR GO?



**Tithe to
World Church**
16.09%

**Tithe to
Southern Union**
9%

Church Ministries
59.85%

Administrative
3.66%

**Retirement
(Includes Healthcare)**
11.4%



TITHING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What is tithe?

Tithe is one tenth of your increase from either money or product that is returned to God. It is holy and belongs to Him, the Owner of all our material possessions and lives (Leviticus 27:30). The returning of tithes is an expression of our trust in God.

Is there a difference between tithes and offerings?

Yes. Tithes are returned as an expression of God's ownership and our trust in Him. Offerings are our response of love and gratitude to God's blessings and goodness, and our support of specific needs and ministries.

How is tithe to be returned?

You may place your money in a Tithe & Offering envelope and return the envelope to the church you attend. You may also give online at adventistgiving.org. Make it an act of worship as you remember that God is your Creator, Redeemer, and the Lord of all your life.

How is tithe distributed?

Within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, tithe is received by the local congregation and sent on to the local conference or mission office. This is the "storehouse" intended for distribution consistent with Malachi 3:10.

Why not give my tithe to specific ministries and charities that I value?

That would be an appropriate designation for offerings. In the act of tithing, we surrender the element of control, trust God completely, and support the world-wide evangelistic work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

How is tithe used?

While the distribution percentages vary in different conferences, the largest portion of tithe is used to support the ministry of local churches through pastoral salaries, as well as evangelism and additional services.

Can I trust the conference with my tithe?

The conference has an ethical and legal responsibility to you, the donor, for complete disclosure regarding both tithe use and all conference finances. More importantly, the conference is accountable to God for faithful stewardship of funds entrusted to it. All conference finances are audited annually. A copy of the audited financial statement is available at www.gccsda.com/treasury.

Is tithing easier for the rich than for the poor?

While the amount of discretionary income varies, 10 percent is still 10 percent, whether of much or little. Love is the motive and rationale that leads us to recognize our responsibility, whether rich or poor.

Should people tithe when in debt?

Regardless of your financial obligations, you are always "in debt" to God, the owner of all. While debt is indeed a burden to be avoided, it is a gross injustice to use God's holy tithe to square your accounts with human creditors.

Can I afford to tithe?

God promises a blessing to all who honor Him in their personal finances. When tithing is a first priority, God somehow stretches what remains. Invariably, 90 percent with God's blessing goes further than 100 percent without it.

Why should I tithe?

By returning one tenth of our increase to Him, we remember God is the owner of everything He has entrusted into our hands. That makes each of us a steward, not an owner. Tithing combines trust with worship, expresses my partnership with God, and supports His mission, ministry, and church. Tithing is also an expression of loyalty that connects us with God's promises and blessings, giving us a sense of peace and purpose.

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