

**BATTERIES INCLUDED BUT SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED:  
Mobilized People Have Great Power in Giving  
BELIEVE AGAIN! (RETURN TITHE)  
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*Deuteronomy 8:7–18 (NLT) : For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. 8It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey. 9It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills. 10When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11“But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. 12For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, 13and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! 14Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. 15Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock! 16He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. 17He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’ 18Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.*

**RETURNING THE TITHE:  
IS EQUIVALENT TO BRINGING THE WHOLE**

*Numbers 18:27–30 (NASB) : ‘Your offering shall be reckoned to you as the grain from the threshing floor or the full produce from the wine vat. 28‘So you shall also present an offering to the Lord from your tithes, which you receive from the sons of Israel; and from it you shall give the Lord’s offering to Aaron the priest. 29‘Out of all your gifts you shall present every offering due to the Lord, from all the best of them, the sacred part from them.’ 30“You shall say to them, ‘When you have offered from it the best of it, then the rest shall be reckoned to the Levites as the product of the threshing floor, and as the product of the wine vat.*

**RETURNING THE TITHE:  
IS REMEMBERING WHOSE IT IS**

**RETURNING THE TITHE:  
RECOGNIZES HIS OWNERSHIP**

*Deuteronomy 10:14 (NASB) : Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.*

*Psalms 24:1 (NASB) : The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.*

*Psalms 50:5–12 (NASB) : “Gather My godly ones to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.” 6 And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge. Selah. 7 “Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. 8 “I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings are continually before Me. 9 “I shall take no young bull out of your house Nor male goats out of your folds. 10 “For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. 11 “I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. 12“If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains.*

*1 Corinthians 10:26 (NASB) : for the earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains.*

RETURNING THE TITHE:  
HONORS HIS OWNERSHIP

**Malachi 1:6 (NASB)** : *“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?” says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’*

RETURNING THE TITHE:  
POSITIONS YOU FOR ABUNDANT INCREASE

**Malachi 3:7–10 (NASB)** : *“From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ 8 “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.*

RETURNING THE TITHE:  
ASSURES YOUR PROTECTION: FROM PESTILENCES

**Malachi 3:11 (NASB)** : *Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not [a]destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,” says the Lord of hosts.*

RETURNING THE TITHE:  
ASSURES YOUR PROTECTION: FROM THE CURSE

**Zechariah 5:1-4 (NASB)** : *Then I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, there was a flying scroll. 2And he said to me, “What do you see?” And I answered, “I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits.” 3Then he said to me, “This is the curse that is going forth over the face of the whole land; surely everyone who steals will be purged away according to the writing on one side, and everyone who swears will be purged away according to the writing on the other side. 4“I will make it go forth,” declares the Lord of hosts, “and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and consume it with its timber and stones.”*

RETURNING THE TITHE:  
REMOVES THE SACRED PORTION

**Deuteronomy 26:12-15 (NASB)** : *“When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. 13 You shall say before the Lord your God, ‘I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the orphan and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Your commandments. 14 I have not eaten of it while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me. 15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the ground which You have given us, a land flowing with milk and honey, as You swore to our fathers.’*

RETURNING THE TITHE:  
SECURES YOUR “TITHING RIGHTS”