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Local Conference Advance

In the process of salvation, God has established several markers of loyalty to Himself. One such example of loyalty is the faithful returning of one's tithe. The tithe, as we know, is designated by God. We do not have the choice to determine the amount. The one tenth has already been decided by God.

Many wonder what the purpose of the tithe is and what it is used for.

The Scriptures point out several purposes of the tithe. First, it was designed to support the priesthood in the Old Testament. Today, that means pastors and gospel workers. "Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple...In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13-14, NIV). Secondly, tithing supports ministry workers (Deuteronomy 14:28-29). Thirdly, tithing is a form of worship. Next, it shows God we trust *Him* (not money) to provide for us (Malachi 3:8-12). Also, God promises to bless us for giving. Along with other purposes, tithing as a part of stewardship builds character.

As we worship God today, let us be aware that tithing is about more than the money. It is about our loyalty, allegiance, and commitment to God. Let us be faithful stewards as we support God's work and the ministries of the Conference.