BETHLEHEM BAPTIST Three-Month Tithing Challenge

How about a money-back guarantee? Our Three Month Tithing Challenge is a contract based on the promises of God in *Malachi 3:10-11*. We commit to you that if you tithe for three months and God doesn't hold true to His promises of blessings, we will refund 100% of your tithe. No questions asked.

God doesn't need our money. He owns everything. But we give first because it takes faith to give first and God wants us to trust Him. He tells us in *Proverbs 3:9-10* to

"honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops and then your barns will be filled with overflowing."

We give first and the blessings of God follow.

How Does It Work?

Sign this agreement with a beginning date, then give it to our Treasurer, Kay Lile. Make sure you give your tithe through the e-Giving feature of our website or through a personnel check with your name and address. Keep up with your tithes on your copy of the document. At the end of three months, take the action God lays on your heart. That's it.

Is Tithing on Gross or Net Income?

The most common view is that gross earnings is the amount of God's provision, and the tithe should be based on one-tenth of God's provision. Taxes are generally considered payment for the privileges and services provided by the government. Though scripture doesn't necessarily use the literal terms "net" or "gross," it is important to note that the spirit in which we give is of greatest value to God. He tells us in *II Corinthians* 9 that

"each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give; not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Name _____

Beginning Tithe Date _____

Your Signature _____

Treasurer's Signature _____

Your Tithe Record:

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