

Practical Info on How To Tithe

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1. Pray.

Tithing is more of a heart issue than one with dollar signs attached to it. If you're struggling with the idea of tithing or giving, spend some time with God, asking Him to give you wisdom and show you ways that you can help others—or even just be more generous. Even if giving doesn't come naturally, prayer can help soften our hearts and refocus our intentions.

2. Create a monthly budget.

A monthly budget forces you to really pay attention to where your money is going. So before the month begins, create your own zero-based budget (where your income minus expenses equals zero) by giving every dollar a job to do (rent, groceries, saving, etc.).

As part of this process, try to make giving a priority for next month. By immediately putting aside 10% of your income for tithing, you can plan better. This also might be a good time to create a "random giving" category for those moments you want to help someone on the spur of the moment.

3. Try online giving.

Many churches (including Cornerstone!) have an online giving option. You can give each month, or set up a recurring gift.

But maybe you prefer writing a check or giving cash because it's a physical reminder of the money you're taking out of your wallet and giving away. There's really no wrong way to do it!