

Why does my spiritual community tithe?

The giving and receiving phenomenon is a matter of physics—the energy anyone gives out attracts like energy and returns to the giver. It is through giving that one can receive.

When your community tithes to the Unity Worldwide Ministries home office, it initiates a second cycle of giving and receiving, empowering the core of Unity to carry out the mission of giving support to all of our Unity communities and leaders. Your community's tithe nurtures the network of Unity ministries throughout the world allowing us all to share Truth with those in need. A few of the services provided by our movement's home office include:

- Helping credential leaders and growing ministries through leadership programs
- Supporting communities like yours with consultation for church management, marketing, education, tax, finance, youth and family ministry and much more
- Increasing awareness of Unity through a unified identity
- Creating connection for Unity leaders through events, national convention and on-going communication

These resources save time and money by eliminating the need for each ministry to develop such programs independently. Tithing support helps Unity to grow which promotes Unity's strength, spiritual growth and understanding for individuals and communities everywhere.



"Someone may say, 'You're just lucky'... I believe you make your own luck by what you think and what you do. For me, it was trying to be a responsible person in whatever I did, and especially being faithful about tithing. It's never been about the money. It's about who I am and where my priorities and commitments are."

—Landon Kite
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Why should I tithe?

Partnering with Spirit

Being One With Our Source



"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

—Malachi 3:10 NRSV

The great promise of prosperity is that if I seek God first, then all shall be added unto me. One of the most practical ways of experiencing God's kingdom is to tithe. Tithing puts God first in my life. It starts the ever-growing and ever-flowing cycle of giving and receiving.

Tithing goes beyond just giving, for as I give I also receive. Tithing:

- Helps me to realize the amazing abundance that is in my life.
- Creates a discipline that spiritually sustains and nourishes me and is a sure way to prosper in all aspects of my life.
- Allows me to be the source for what I want to flourish and prosper.
- Creates a partnership with God and supports success in my spiritual community.

In tithing, I place my faith in God's supply. Regular tithing calls attention to God as the source of my supply.

In tithing to my Unity spiritual community I initiate a personal cycle of giving and receiving which in turn empowers my ministry to carry out its mission of spiritually feeding me and my community.


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Worldwide Ministries

Why does Unity Worldwide Ministries tithe?

Unity Worldwide Ministries' tithes go to individuals or organizations that provide inspiration or support for its functions, mission, leaders, or goals in consciousness. Tithing by Unity Worldwide Ministries home office is guided by the following understandings: Tithing is the giving of 10% of all unrestricted donations received to organizations or individuals who provide inspiration or support to the home office, leadership, or the Unity movement. That giving is not a substitute for purchase of goods or services.

Unity Worldwide Ministries

Vision

Centered in God, we co-create a world that works for all.

Mission

We create and support vibrant, diverse Unity leaders and communities that foster transformation and inspire people to make a positive difference in the world.

Through the practice of tithing, Unity Worldwide Ministries continues the flow of substance into other organizations including:

- The separate and independent organization, Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village (this includes Silent Unity, Unity Institute and *DailyWord*)
- The International New Thought Alliance, The Association for Global New Thought and Unity's Urban School, all of which support ministries by empowering their leaders

Through these tithes, Unity Worldwide Ministries extends the gifts of individuals and ministries throughout the world, supporting individual spirituality as well as ministries.

"Those who would accomplish great things in the demonstration of spiritual resources must have faith to lay hold of the divine ideas and the courage to speak them into expression."

—Charles Fillmore, *Prosperity*

What are the results of tithing in the world around me?

The difference between a tithe and a charitable gift is that a tithe is *giving back to Source and being Source to what you want to see in your life*. A charitable gift is giving to a need in the world.

Tithing comes in many forms. It is through the work, energy, and faithful tithes of many individuals, ministries, and Unity Worldwide Ministries that these many benefits occur. What does all of this giving and receiving mean to the world around us? Our collective ministry will contribute to:

- The flow of God's good
- God's message of love
- Acceptance of all types of diversity
- Honoring all of life and the earth that supports it
- Prosperity and elimination of poverty
- Peace at all levels of human interaction, as well as within

It is through the growth and practice of these ideals that our movement becomes ever more powerful and manifest in the world around us.

If you have noticed, the benefits of tithing always come back to the individual. We are all at once individuals, and part of the larger whole. Tithing works to co-create a world that works for all.

*"When we became ministers at Unity Church of Austin on May 1, 2002, the church was not tithing regularly and was experiencing financial challenges. One of the first things we instituted was to begin tithing every single week—10% of each Sunday's income. By the end of February 2003, the church was completely current on all its bills. The conclusion? **Tithing works—it's a real-life manifestation of God's Law of Giving and Receiving!**"*

—Nancy Worth, Unity of Bellevue, Washington

