Do you know any stories of people who received financial blessings after paying their tithe or giving an offering to God? Why don't you ask the Christian adults that you know?



A tithe of everything from the land... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. Leviticus $27:30_{\ NIV}$

Giving and Taking

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Refer: Gen 14; Lev 27:30-32; Mal 3:8-11 NLT; Patriarchs and Prophets p133-137; The Bible Story vol1 152-155; vol6 189-192

Sunday

About this time war broke out between some of the cities nearby. The King of Sodom (the city Lot lived near) was defeated, and his enemies came and took whatever they wanted from the city; they also took Lot and his family as slaves, but one of Lot's men escaped and told Abraham.

Abraham had hundreds of servants by this time, and many of them were trained to fight; so he called them together.

They followed after the retreating army, surrounding them and attacking during the night. Their enemies fled, but Abraham chased them and recovered all the people and goods that had been taken, including Lot and his family.

When Abraham returned, the king of Sodom and Melchizedek, the king of Salem, went out to meet him.

Melchizedek was also priest of God and he said to him "Praise be to the Most High God; He created the heaven and earth and He has defeated your enemies for you."

Then Abraham gave Melchizedek a tithe, a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

The king of Sodom said to Abraham, "Give back my people who were captured, but you may keep all the



goods you have recovered as a reward."

But Abraham replied to the king of Sodom, "I will not take anything that belongs to you. Otherwise you might say, 'I am the one who made Abram rich.'"

Friday

Have you ever noticed how good it makes you feel when you give someone a present?

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When you do <u>something</u> for someone, <u>without</u> <u>expecting a reward</u> you will have a good <u>feeling</u>, and you can be sure <u>God knows</u>.

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Thursday

Have you ever heard someone say, "I have too many bills; I can barely buy food – I can't afford to pay tithe!"

There are many things in the Bible that don't make sense until you remember that God, author of the Bible, can do what to us is impossible. He can control nature and everything in it; He doesn't NEED our money; in fact, everything that we have is a gift from God, He provides us with the strength and opportunities to earn and in return, He only asks for one tenth back.

Use the following verses to fill in the crossword:

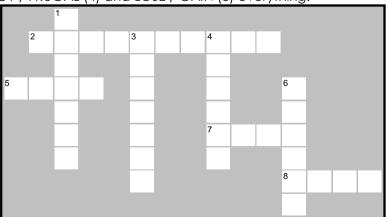
Malachi 3:8 What word starting with R, does the NIV & KJV Bible say we are doing to God when we don't pay our tithes and offerings? (3down)

Luke 6:38 What must you do before it will be given to you? (7)

Deuteronomy 16:17 says we should give what we are A___ (5) (NLT, ESV, KJV)

Deuteronomy 15:10 talks about those who are poor; how does the NIV, NLT & NASB Bible say we should give? G______(2)

Cross out the incorrect word for Proverbs 11:24 $_{\rm NLT}$ Give FREELY / LITTLE (6) and become more NEEDIER / WEALTHY (1); be STINGY / FRUGAL (4) and LOSE / GAIN (8) everything.



Monday

This term we have been learning about Creation and Evolution and how the evidence that we see in the world does fit with what the Bible says.

Read a textbook or watch a documentary on how coal and oil are formed and they will tell you that coal and oil are formed over millions of years.

When a plant or tree dies, bacteria turns the plant back into dust (or compost), releasing its minerals and making them available for other

plants to use. But if the plant is covered in mud, the bacteria may be stopped or at least slowed in their work and what is left of the plant will turn into a substance we call peat. In some countries peat is dug from the ground and dried to use instead of firewood!



When Peat is compressed (squashed), it is changed into coal or oil, depending on how much water is left. Left to itself, this process is thought to be slow, hence the common belief that it must have taken millions of years to form the coal and oil we find today. But some scientists have shown that if the temperature is increased, this process can be very quick. In 1982, a reporter quoted Noel McAuliffe of Manchester University saying, "We are doing in 10 minutes what it has taken millions of years to do." He was making oil.

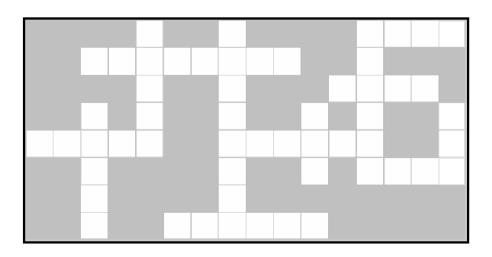
In 1984, Argonne National Laboratory reported that "all that was required for coal to form was that wood with kaolin clay as a catalyst must be buried deep enough that there is no oxygen, with a ground temperature of $150^{\circ}C$, and you will get coal in only 36 weeks."

During the flood whole forests were ripped up and buried in mud and volcanic rock. If the water was unable to escape, the heat and pressure turned their remains into oil; if the moisture leaked out through pores or cracks in the rock, the heat and pressure formed coal. Thus Noah's flood is probably responsible for the majority for the coal and oil resources which are still found in the world today.

<u>Tuesday</u>

Cross out the sentences that do not agree with the Bible; fit the underlined words that are not crossed out into the grid below.

- The world is <u>millions</u> of years old
- The world is less than ten thousand years old
- <u>Bacteria</u> turn most dead things into <u>dust</u> but <u>mud</u> can stop the bacteria working
- Everything that dies turns into a fossil
- Coal is a volcanic rock
- Coal is made from <u>dead plants</u>
- Oil is made from the same things as coal is
- Noahs flood never happened
- Noahs flood only flooded one country
- Noahs flood covered the <u>entire</u> <u>world</u>
- Most of the coal and oil that is mined today was <u>caused</u> by <u>Noahs flood</u>.
- The coal and oil that is mined to today <u>gradually formed</u> over millions of years.



Wednesday

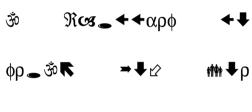
Why did Abraham give a tithe or a tenth of the things he had rescued to Melchizedek?

It is God who gives us all good things and God has asked that we give back one

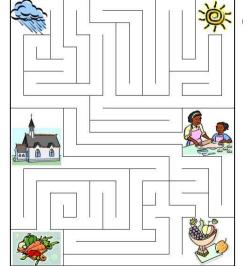
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tenth, that is, one out of every ten of the things He blesses us with. That tenth is used to support Gods priests or ministers like priests or minis









James 1:17_{NLT} says "Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father."

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God has given us many good things. Find your way through the maze to some of the things God gives us.