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Coming Up With a Plan

1. God has a plan – and _____

Jesus said, “Tithe on everything – this you should do...”
(Matthew 23:23)

“Be sure to set aside a tenth of everything you produce.”
(Deuteronomy 14:22)

“Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty. “Bring the whole tithe into My House, that there may be resources. If you do, I will open up the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing so great, you won’t have room enough to take it in!” (Malachi 3:10)

Now, let's be clear about this...

- **Tithing does not _____
humanly speaking.**

It's counterintuitive. That means, "It may not look like it's the smartest thing you'll ever do, but it is." It may even feel scary to divert money from some due bills and place it in the offering plate. Acting on pure faith is always scary.

- **Tithing is a _____
from start to finish.**

This is purely an act of faith. The question is: Do you believe the God will keep His promises? How much do you believe it? This is an act of faith from start to finish.

- **Most church members would give**
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We say, "Just as soon as we can get a few bucks ahead." What we're actually saying is, "As soon as we don't have to do this by faith, then we're going to start tithing."

- **The devil will see to it that you always**
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There will never come a day when you have extra money. No matter how big your income gets you will always find a way to spend it. The Lord doesn't want His people waiting for an excess of money before they begin tithing.

- **This is a _____**

This is a faith decision. We have to come to terms with whether we really believe Jesus ... and to what extent we do. Make up your mind: Tithing is a struggle at first. I've known lots of tithers, but I never knew anyone who started tithing when they could afford it. They all had to bite the bullet and come to terms with their own faith.

- 2. You need to be _____**

"On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." (1 Corinthians 6:2)

3. This is _____

“Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty. “Bring the whole tithe into My House, that there may be resources. If you do, I will open up the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing so great, you won’t have room enough to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your work and your labor will be blessed, for I will watch over your efforts. Your property will be blessed, for I will stand guard over you,” says the Lord Almighty. “And all people will call you blessed, for you will be a people sparkling with happiness. These are the promises of the Lord Almighty.” (Malachi 3:10-12)

Jesus said, “Give and it shall be given to you! A good measure, pressed down, shaken up, overflowing, will poured into your lap! For whatever measure you use to give will be used to give back to you.” (Luke 6:38)

The
I  **MY CHURCH**
Promises

Celebrate

I promise to celebrate weekly in worship celebrations that challenge and encourage me.

Cultivate

I promise to cultivate personal growth and ministry.

Communicate

I promise to communicate Christ's invitation to my unchurched friends.

Commit

I promise to commit my heart and resources to Christ's Vision.