

90 DAY CHALLENGE

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BEGINNING

What do we mean when we say "tithe"?

We can't take the credit for coming up with this tithe idea. A tithe is the biblical concept of giving away 10% of your earnings, an idea that was instituted thousands of years ago as a way to thank and worship God (Deuteronomy 14:22). In ancient times the tithe was a portion of your crops and herds, but the principle still holds true today - everything you have comes from God, and returning at least 10% of it to God's work in the world is an act of acknowledging where it came from, what it is for, and remembering who owns it anyway.

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What is a "Tithe Challenge"?

Based on another concept from the Bible, a "Tithe Challenge" tests God's promise to honor his financial plan for humanity. God is actually the one challenging us - not the bean counters at Thrive. He throws it down lovingly (Malachi 3:10), in essence asking, "Don't you think I will completely bless and take care of you if you live on 90% of what I gave you, so you can invest in others and not just yourself?" Thrive has just decided to remind people of this and add a little twist.

GUARANTEE

Money-back guarantee? Really?

You read that right. We feel like it's a decision God put on our hearts, and we feel that everyone taking the challenge will be blessed by this unique opportunity.

The no risk approach is a great way to "jump start" a new reality for individuals and families. There is certainly a benefit to the mission and ministry of Thrive, both here and around the world - make no mistake about that part of our motives. But we think it is a win-win. Thrive people will be blessed and the work of Christ in the world will too. That seems like a great risk to take.

NEXT STEPS

How do I accept the 90 DAY CHALLENGE?

Whether you're currently giving, or you're choosing to jump in for the first time, just let us know you want to be part of 90 DC. Fill out the response portion of your CONNECT card and drop it in the offering bucket, or jump online and visit www.thrivechurch.cc/90DC to get plugged in. We won't pester you or chase you down - this is simply a way for us to encourage you a few times during the 90 day period and also to have a record of giving, should you choose to exercise the money-back-guarantee option.

The giving period starts Sunday, Jan 29th and runs for 90 days, through Saturday April 28th 2017.

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HOW DO I START?

Do I need to give in a certain way? How do I start? It's simple. Once you've decided to take the T90X challenge, you begin to give. If you're a current giver, be sure to give in a way that it can be tracked - a check in the offering or electronically (not cash). If you're a new giver, accept the challenge and then choose your way to give.

If you want to give electronically (as 60% of our givers currently do) visit thrivechurch.cc/90DC

Click "Give Now" and login to start using our electronic giving system. Or you can use the bill pay option with your bank - set up 'Thrive Church' as the payee and put your giving on autopilot during the challenge. Check writing is a great way to tithe, too! Drop your checks in the mail or in the offering bucket during a weekend service - either way, we'll record your gift.

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WHO CAN I TALK TO?

This feels like a big decision - can I just talk about this with someone first? Yes - it is a big decision and a truly spiritual one. To that end, there are very friendly people at the office who specialize in walking you carefully and privately through any of this. Our staff operates with 100% confidentiality, and they're totally prepared to explain all your options, answer any questions you have, and make sure everything is set up exactly as you want it to be. Reach out to Pastor Jeremy Scudder anytime or begin the conversation with him via email at jeremy@thrivechurch.cc.

SO WHAT'S THE CATCH?

Is this just another "give us your money" scheme?

NO catch! Actually, it is even better - there is a guarantee. Every giving opportunity at Thrive is completely low pressure. People say "no thanks" all the time. We aren't bothered by that; we just feel bummed that people are missing out on what God promised. As a matter of fact, we believe that giving away at least 10% of your income is the right way to live and we want people to experience God's blessing.

We believe in this so much, that if people try this kind of "others centered" and "God centered" money management for 90 days and don't like it, we'll give them their contributions back.

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