

When I first came into the Adventist church in 1973, I determined that I wanted to pay tithe. My



husband was not a believer at that time and I did not know how I was going to work it out. I confided in a dear church member and she advised me to tithe

on the money I received for household expenses. On a strict budget, I wondered how I would pay the tithe and still afford the daily expenses. But, I started doing exactly that and continued to be faithful returning tithe from the household expense funds.

When my children started college, I went back to work. I was happy that I now had money of my own to return to God for tithe and offerings. It was a good feeling. God had always provided for me, and I was glad to return His tithe in appreciation for His goodness.

Many years later my husband joined the church. I noticed many changes in him, but one of the biggest was seeing how generous he was in returning tithe and giving offerings. By his example I have been inspired to be more generous in my giving as well.

My husband and I have both found that you cannot out-give God. Today, I am able to say that we not only return our tithe but have given thousands in offerings. God has truly blessed me. Just as He has promised—if we are faithful to Him, He is faithful to us.

IT IS ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM!

—Norene Payne, member of the Charlotte Sharon Church



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"For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

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