Introduction

Since you must have listened to similar sermons many times before I won’t blame if you are not expecting anything out of the ordinary. There are two reasons why I picked this topic however. First, those who are new to faith need to be educated on the practice of tithing. Secondly, towards the conclusion of this sermon I hope to deal with the right way of tithing than reasons for tithing. Do note this sermon is not intended to condemn any of you but to give hope. So please relax and let the Holy Spirit of God to speak to your hearts.

1. The key to financial freedom, (Malachi 3:8-9)
   A. The act of claiming ownership over some one else’s property is known as robbing.
   B. When I don’t tithe I rob God by claiming ownership over what is rightfully His.
   C. Consequently it escorts the curse of poverty into my life. Where as start tithing again is the only way to break the curse.

2. The key to fill God’s house, (Malachi 3:10)
   A. In tithing I support those who serve in God’s house.
   B. In OT the tithe served a 3 fold purpose. Sacrificial purposes, the domestic needs of the Levites, and for what ever emergencies faced.
   C. My tithe helps to improve the ministries of the local church, supports the pastor, workers, their families and provides for emergencies.

3. The key to heavenly blessings, (Malachi 3:10b)
   A. In Tithing I operate a spiritual law which works like the law of gravity. It has to work.
B. I don’t have to ask God or even pray for blessing after I tithe.
C. I have stopped praying for the tithe and the offerings in my church. God will bless the Tithe!

4. The key to financial security, (Malachi 3:11-12)
A. Tithing triggers Supernatural provision and protection over my earnings.
B. What sort of protection: Protection from thieves, natural disasters, inflation etc.
C. In failing to tithe the opposite becomes true because God doesn’t protect anything not His.

5. Application – The right way to tithe
   A. Treat it with respect
      I. I set apart the 10% before I do anything else with the money I receive.
      II. I can’t use the tithe in time of need and pay it later.
   B. Bring the whole tithe:
      I. The word “tithe” literally means tenth or 10%. Therefore anything less than 10% is only a tip.
      II. If you are tithing from crops offer the best unto God. Not what is left behind.
      III. The Church is God’s only authorized storehouse. Giving to any other ministry is not tithing; it is offering.
   C. Tithe with the right attitude:
      I. This is Very important. The attitude matters as much as the act. 3 unhealthy attitudes:
      II. Tithing out of obligation: Wrong attitude. Remember, Abraham tithed out of free will, long before God even commanded tithing, (Genesis 14:18-20).
      III. Limiting God: All I have is God’s, not just the 10%. (When I give the 10%, God blesses the 90% and multiplies it.)
      IV. Conditional tithing: When I tithe God will meet my needs. God is not obliged to do however. I don’t tithe to meet a need, but to obey.
   D. Practice it starting from today
      I. Tithing is a spiritual discipline I must develop.
      II. Do it consistently and systematically.
      III. If you neglected to pay tithes in the past forget what you owe God (You can never repay God anyway). Obey God starting from today.

Conclusion
The blessings mentioned in the Bible are not just financial however. After all there’s more into life than money. Each time you tithe carefully observe how God blesses you in every other area of life as well as finances.