

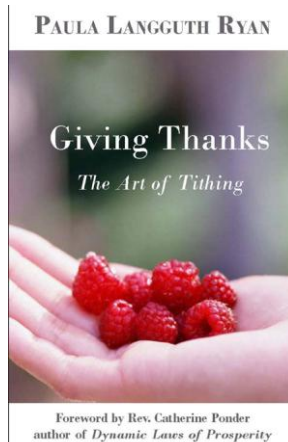
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GIVING THANKS:

The Art of Tithing

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“Tithing has been described as ‘the permanent road to prosperity’. This book shows you how!”
- Rev. Catherine Ponder, author, Dynamic Laws of Prosperity

Ask most people what tithing is about and most would respond “asking for more money” or “a Biblical law or obligation to give 10% to stay in God’s good graces.” If that’s all tithing is about, why do some people tithe and prosper, yet others tithe and watch their spiritual leaders prosper—with their own financial situation languishing year after year? What if tithing is less about *what* you give and more about *how* you give it?

The sooner you change the way you tithe, not only with your money but also with your thoughts, words, actions, time, efforts and possessions, the better off – and happier – you will be. So says Paula Langguth Ryan, author of the first book to give tithing an attitude adjustment: **GIVING THANKS** (CM Press, \$17.95 paperback, November 2005)

Much more than a “self-help” book—and far from the standard scriptural treatise on tithing—**GIVING THANKS** is all about personal empowerment. “Each of us has our own issues around giving and receiving that we need to heal,” is the author’s abiding theme. Her insightful guide to this healing process is both practical and inspirational, tackling fears about tithing and attachments to gifts we give. All the while offering a new perspective on the half-full/half-empty glass we call life. Ryan begins by providing readers with a brief history of tithing, and then moves on to dispel myths and misperceptions that have prevented people from embracing tithing

in the past: “You do not have an *obligation* to tithe, you have an *opportunity* to tithe.” She then outlines how to give and receive without attachment, guilt or shame, and how to recognize the many forms abundance takes (only one of which is monetary) in one’s life. Her book also addresses a subject previously avoided in tithing books, but which has caused countless people to miss out on the benefits of tithing: how to tithe when money is tight and stepping out in faith feels more like stepping into quicksand.

Ryan brings broad expertise to this subject. In her first book, *Bounce Back From Bankruptcy: A Step-By-Step Guide to Getting Back on Your Financial Feet*, Ryan deftly combined personal finance and inspirational advice to create a roadmap to financial success after bankruptcy. A Contemporary Prosperity Advisor, Ryan is considered by many to be the “next gen” leader of new thought teachers – the heir-apparent in an area pioneered by John Randolph Price, Catherine Ponder, Edwene Gaines and others. **GIVING THANKS** marks the first time Catherine Ponder (founder of Unity Church Worldwide) wrote a Foreword to a living author’s work.

GIVING THANKS explores how the fear of not having ‘enough’ has become an ingrained habit and demonstrates concrete strategies for breaking that habit. This book walks you through how to “give with gratitude, focus on *what* you truly desire, release your attachment to *how* it comes to you, and receive with gratitude.”

Also helpful for anyone who likes to see how others have benefited from tithing, this book contains numerous stories of real people’s tithing breakthroughs, as well as a list of more than 50 intentions used by others to expand their view of prosperity.

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