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If so, how?

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Do you currently tithe 10% of your wealth?

If so, do you also give offerings above and beyond this tithe?

If not, why not?

What practical barriers (debts, budgeting, forgetfulness, etc.) stand in the way of you giving tithes and offerings?

What practical steps can you take to move toward tithing?

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