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Local Church Budget

Yes, we can. Yes we should! A couple of years ago, *The Compass Magazine* had an interesting article about tithe and offerings. The article noted that in 2017, close to 1.02 billion dollars were given in tithe in the NAD. There was more interesting statistical data: one third of “active” Adventist members did not return a tithe. Young people and old alike “neglected” to be faithful in returning a tithe to the Lord. Why didn’t they give? The reason was not theological. It was not pastor-related (whether they liked or disliked the pastoral service). Believe it or not, it was simply a case of forgetfulness. People just plain forgot to pay their tithe.

Another subset of the same demographic noted that “they needed to tithe more regularly.” The Bible concurs. We can, and we should, remember to pay an honest tithe to our God. It is estimated that if most active Adventists would return an honest tithe, our annual income would easily double to \$2 billion.

Let us make a new covenant with our Lord to be faithful and return a faithful tithe to He. Yes, we can, and yes, we should!

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