

A script from



## “Tithing with Scissors”

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**What** Janet walks into the room just as Timmy is about to cut up a stash of dollar bills. After hearing a teaching on tithing, the boy wants to literally give 10 percent of all he has to God. Timmy’s innocent misunderstanding gives Janet an opportunity to explain the heart of giving and simultaneously preventing Timmy from committing a federal offence.

Part of the *Train Up A Child Series* it’s a funny and touching skit to help believers of all ages know and remember what they believe.

**Themes:** Tithing, Parenting, Family, Money, Childlike Faith, Stewardship

**Who** Timmy- played by an actor who can look under 10 yrs  
Janet- his mom, in her 30s

**When** Present day

**Wear (Props)** A stack of dollar bills (real or fake)  
Scissors  
Chair or a table or any type of home living furniture to set the stage in a simple way.

**Why** 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 and Luke 6:38

**How** Keep the dialogue conversational and natural. Think of this as a television sitcom.

**Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Timmy is sitting at a table in the kitchen with scissors, a ruler and a pencil. He's measuring out his dollar bills from a stack. Talking over her shoulder to someone else in the house, Janet enters.*

**Janet:** ...and after you take out the garbage and finish your homework we can talk about whether or not you can go to the ball game next weekend.

*Janet turns to see Timmy at the table. He's holding up a dollar bill and about to cut it with the scissors.*

**Janet:** Timothy Simon Markwell, what are you doing?

**Timmy:** I'm getting ready for church.

**Janet:** Put those scissors down!

*She gently removes the scissors from his hand.*

**Janet:** How is cutting up money getting ready for church?

**Timmy:** Last week Pastor said it's good to give 10 percent of all our money to God. What was the word he called it?

**Janet:** Tithing. Tim, you've got a great heart, but some wrong details. That's not what he meant.

**Timmy:** Whaddaya mean? I counted out all my birthday money. Measured it out with a ruler. After I cut it up, all I need is one of those envelopes from church.

**Janet:** It's a crime to deface currency. Do you think Pastor wants you to go to jail?

**Timmy:** The government doesn't let us tithe either?

**Janet:** Stop and look at me so I know you're listening. Timmy?

*Timmy puts everything down and puts his hands in his lap. He looks at his mom.*

**Timmy:** I'm listening.

**Janet:** Pastor didn't mean to measure up your dollar bills and cut them up into pieces. He's talking about being a good steward.

**Timmy:** What does that mean?

**Janet:** A steward is a person who manages things well. You know that every blessing comes from God, right?

**Timmy:** Right.

**Janet:** So you're a good steward with the money he blesses you with when you're generous with it, giving it to others in need and to help out with the work of the church.

**Timmy:** So why not just give all of it away, instead of just 10 percent?

**Janet:** That's another great question. Where's your father?

**Timmy:** He's walking the dog.

**Janet:** Well, 10 per cent is the amount the Israelites gave back in the day, and it's a way we continue to trust God to be our provider just like the Israelites did.

**Timmy:** So, I can give more than 10 percent?

**Janet:** Of course! Our tithe is the starting point. God loves it when we give beyond that. You've heard your dad say it before, "You can't out-give God."

**Timmy:** *(finishing the sentence with Janet)*—"out-give God!"

**Janet:** Our family gives even more than 10 percent. Not because we have to, but because we want to be a blessing to others. We just don't cut it up into little pieces. Does that make sense?

**Timmy:** I think so.

**Janet:** So can I give these scissors back to you and be sure you won't break US law?

**Timmy:** Yes. I had no idea how I was going to cut up my quarters.

**Janet:** I'm going to make supper. You can help me cut up the vegetables. And when your dad gets home, I want you to ask him if he tithes on his gross or net income, ok?

**Timmy:** Gross or net income?

**Janet:** Exactly. Make sure you ask him after that he takes a big spoonful of soup.

*End of play.*