

# Giving and Tithing

## Introduction:

The subject of money is a sensitive issue with many people. Some church leaders are very forceful in trying to get people to give money to their churches. There are definitely church leaders in our world who are trying to get as much money as they can for their own benefit, and that is not right. Many people stay away from church because they don't like someone always trying to get their money.

However, we cannot neglect to address the issue of money. God talks a lot about money in the Bible, and it is important for us to know what He wants us to do with our money. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, “...*where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*” How you respond to the truth you learn in this lesson will reveal where your heart is and what you are truly seeking after.

Our lesson will answer the following questions:

- I. What is tithing?
- II. Why should we tithe?
- III. Where should we tithe?
- IV. What is an offering?
- V. Why should we give offerings?

# **I. What is tithing?**

The definition of the word tithe is “*one-tenth; ten percent; or the tenth part.*” Let’s look at the Scriptural principle of tithing.

## **1. Leviticus 27:30-32**

In verse 30 we see that all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the land is the \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 32 we find, “the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be holy unto the \_\_\_\_\_.”

## **2. Deuteronomy 14:22**

This verse says to \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ of one’s seed.

## **3. Hebrews 7:5**

The sons of Levi were commanded to take \_\_\_\_\_ of the people.

## **In Conclusion**

God commands His people to give back to Him one-tenth of all their increase. This is Scriptural tithing. The tithe belongs to God. We are supposed to be faithful to make sure God gets His ten percent (one-tenth) before we spend our money on other things.

NOTE: I think it is important here to state this truth:

**EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD.** Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” The truth is that 100% of what we own belongs to God. He owns it all. God is not poor, and He does not need our 10%; however, He wants us to trust and obey Him.

It may be tempting to think, “I earned my money. I worked for it. It belongs to me. I should be able to decide what **I** do with **MY** money.” Let’s look at Deuteronomy 8:18. This verse says that the LORD gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_. If you have the ability to work and earn money, it is because God gave you that ability.

## **II. Why should we tithe?**

### **1. Malachi 3:8-11**

The children of Israel had robbed God in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 8)

In verse 9 we see that the Israelites had brought a \_\_\_\_\_ upon themselves by robbing from God.

In verse 10 God says to bring all the \_\_\_\_\_ into the storehouse so that there would be \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 10 God promises to open the windows of heaven and pour out a \_\_\_\_\_ to those who bring in the tithe.

In verse 11 God promises to rebuke the \_\_\_\_\_ for those who tithe.

## 2. I Corinthians 9:13-14

Verse 13 tells us that they which minister about holy things \_\_\_\_\_ of the things of the temple. This is referring to the Levites being cared for by the tithes of the people. (Look up Numbers 18:21-24. In verse 24 we find that the tithes of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel were to be given to the Levites.)

Verse 14 tells us that God likewise ordained (instituted or planned out) that those who preach the gospel should \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. The tithes of God's people are to support God's ministers and God's work.

### In Conclusion

1. We should tithe because the tithe belongs to God. When we withhold the tithe, we are robbing from God.
  - Those who do not tithe are cursed.
  - Those who tithe will receive a blessing from God.
  - God will rebuke the devourer for those who tithe.
2. We should tithe because it is God's plan for the tithes of His people to support His ministers and His work financially.

### III. Where should we tithe?

#### 1. Nehemiah 10:38-39

Verse 38 tells us the Levites were to take the tithes to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Verse 39 ends by saying, "...we will not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. Malachi 3:10

In this verse God tells us to bring the tithes into the \_\_\_\_\_ that there may be meat in His \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 3. I Timothy 3:15

In this verse the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God is called the house of God.

**In Conclusion:** God has told us to bring the tithes to His house. Today, the church is God's house. Therefore, we should bring our tithe to our church.

### IV. What is an offering?

#### 1. II Chronicles 31:11-12

In these verses the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ were brought into the chambers (rooms) in the house of the LORD.

## Malachi 3:8

The children of Israel had robbed God in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

From the two passages we looked at we can see that tithes and offerings are related, but they are not the same thing. There are many Bible verses in which tithes and offerings are listed together. They are listed together, but they are listed as two distinct (separate) things.

## 2. Amos 4:5

This verse mentions a sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ with leaven, and it mentions the free \_\_\_\_\_.

## Leviticus 7:11-13

Verse 11 speaks of the law of the sacrifice of peace \_\_\_\_\_.

Verse 12 gives instructions for someone who offers it for a \_\_\_\_\_.

Verse 13 says to offer leavened bread with the \_\_\_\_\_ of thanksgiving.

## Leviticus 22:29

This verse says that when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, you should offer it at your \_\_\_\_\_.

From the three passages we looked at we can see that an offering is a free will sacrifice of thanksgiving. It is a way for us to show our appreciation to God for what He has done for us.

## **In Conclusion**

An offering is related to the tithe, but it is different. In the tithe, we are giving back to God what is His. In the offering, we are giving to God part of what He has allowed us to keep. We pay our tithe first, and then we give offerings.

An offering is something that we choose to give to God as an expression of our thankfulness. An offering is a type of sacrifice. We give up (sacrifice) something that we could have in order to give God an offering.

## **V. Why should we give offerings?**

### **1. II Corinthians 8:1-2 & 7-9**

In verses 1 and 2 we see that the members of the churches in Macedonia were in a great trial of affliction and were in deep \_\_\_\_\_. Yet, they abounded unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_. This means that they freely gave much of what they had, even though they were considered to be poor.

In verses 7 and 8 Paul is admonishing the churches in Corinth to follow the example of the churches in Macedonia.

He tells them that it is not because they are commanded to do so, but to prove the \_\_\_\_\_ (genuineness) of their \_\_\_\_\_. Giving God offerings is evidence that we truly love Him.

## 2. II Corinthians 9:7

This verse teaches us that we should not give \_\_\_\_\_ (this means unwillingly or reluctantly) or of necessity. Rather, we should give willingly and happily from our heart, for God loves a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.

## 3. Exodus 35:4-9, 21-24, 29

In verses 4-9 Moses reminded the children of Israel that God had commanded the people to bring their offerings to help in the construction of the tabernacle. He wanted the offerings of the people to **provide what was needed** to build the tabernacle, and to provide for the items that were to be placed in the tabernacle.

Some of the things that the people were to bring were:

- Gold, \_\_\_\_\_, and brass
- Blue, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and fine linen
- Goats' \_\_\_\_\_
- Rams' \_\_\_\_\_ dyed red
- Badgers' \_\_\_\_\_



- Shittim \_ \_ \_ \_
- \_ \_ \_ for the light
- Spices for the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ oil, and for the sweet  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Onyx \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and stones for the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and  
for the breastplate

These were some of the things that were needed. The people were to give offerings to supply what was needed for the work of God.

The people who brought an offering had a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ spirit (verse 21) and a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ heart (verses 22 & 29). In other words the people did not give their offerings because they HAD to give them. They gave their offerings FREELY and WILLINGLY because they wanted to help provide what was needed. The results of this kind of giving are found in the next chapter.

### **Exodus 36:5-7**

In verse 5 the workmen told Moses that the people had brought much \_ \_ \_ \_ than enough for the service of the work.

In verse 6 Moses restrained the people from \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ more offerings.

In verse 7 we find that what the people had given was \_\_\_\_\_ for all the work, and there was extra left over.

This is a great example of what happens when God's people give offerings freely and willingly from their heart to meet the needs of the work of God.

## **In Conclusion**

We should give offerings:

1. To show God how much we love and appreciate Him.
2. Because God loves a cheerful giver.
3. To meet the needs of the work of God.

## **REVIEW - Giving and Tithing**

### **I. What is tithing?**

- A. The word tithe means one- \_\_\_\_\_; ten \_\_\_\_\_; or the \_\_\_\_\_ part.
- B. Scriptural tithing is when we give back to God one tenth of all our \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The tithe belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Why should we tithe?

- A. We should tithe because the \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God. When we withhold the tithe, we are \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- B. Those who do not tithe are \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Those who tithe will receive a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- D. God will rebuke the \_\_\_\_\_ for those who tithe.

## III. Where should we tithe?

- A. God has told us to bring the tithes to \_\_\_ house.
- B. Today, the \_\_\_\_\_ is God's house. Therefore we should bring our \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. What is an offering?

- A. An offering is related to the \_\_\_\_\_, but it is different.
- B. We pay our \_\_\_\_\_ first, then we give \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. An offering is a free will \_\_\_\_\_ of thanksgiving.

## V. Why should we give offerings?

- A. Giving offerings to God proves the sincerity (genuineness) of our \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We should not give grudgingly (unwillingly or reluctantly) or of \_\_\_\_\_.

C. God loves a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.

D. We should give offerings to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ of the work of God.

**Assignment:** Choose at least 2 of the following verses, memorize them, and say them to your teacher.

- Leviticus 27:30
- Proverbs 3:9
- Malachi 3:10
- II Corinthians 9:7

**Application:** What will you do based on the truth you learned in this lesson?

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