

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

I. EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD:

- A. Haggai 2:8 -- Silver and gold.
- B. Leviticus 27:30 -- The tithe.
- C. Hebrews 1:2 -- Jesus, heir of all things.

II. THE TITHE:

- A. Genesis 28:22b ...and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.
- B. Deuteronomy 14:22
 - 1. Tithe is 10%.
 - a. The first tenth of your increase.
 - b. To be from the gross and not the net.
- C. Leviticus 27:30,34a (vs 30) And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. (vs 34a) These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses...
 - 1. The tithe is Holy.
 - 2. It belongs to God.
 - 3. It is a commandment of God.

III. TITHING THE TITHE:

- A. Deuteronomy Chapter 26

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B. Malachi 3:8-14

C. Ministers are commanded to receive the tithe:

1. Heb. 7:5a And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people...
2. Heb. 7:8 (AMP) Furthermore, here [in the Levitical priesthood]
tithes are received by men who are subject to death; while there [in the case of Melchizedek], they are received by
one of whom it is testified that he lives [perpetually].

D. Bring the tithe:

1. Malachi 3:9-10
 - a. Blessed when you do.
 - b. Cursed when you don't.

E. Tithe First:

1. I Corinthians 16:2a Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him,...
 - a. It should be given first place (priority).
 - b. So it won't be spent.
 - c. It will cost you if you don't tithe. An additional amount (20%) will be added to it.
Lev. 27:31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

F. By faith:

1. Genesis 4:3-8
Hebrews 11:4, 6
 - a. Respected (regarded) if by faith.

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b. Not respected (regarded) if not by faith.

G. From your heart:

1. Deuteronomy 26:16

Luke 11:42

Malachi 3:13-14

a. Whole heart and soul.

b. In love.

c. Without grudging, murmuring, or complaining.

H. Worship and Rejoice:

1. Deuteronomy 26:10b, 11a

a. Worship the Lord.

b. Rejoice in the Lord.

IV. BENEFITS OF TITHING:

A. Malachi 3:9-12

1. Meat in God's house:

a. It's the ministry inheritance.

b. There should be meat where we come together and eat.

2. Prove God:

a. He opens the windows of heaven.

b. He pours out a blessing.

(More Than Enough)

3. Protection:

a. The devourer is rebuked.

b. Our fruit is not destroyed.

c. Nor will our fruit produce fruit before its time.

4. Blessed:

a. All nations will call us blessed.

b. A delightful land.

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V. EXAMPLES OF TITHES:

- A. Genesis 28:22b ...and of all that thou shalt give me (Jacob) I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.
- B. Deuteronomy 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.
- C. Deuteronomy 26
- D. II Chronicles 31:5
- E. II Chronicles 31:12a
- F. Nehemiah 13:12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.
- G. Proverbs 3:9-10
- H. Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

VI. OFFERINGS:

- A. You have not given an offering until you have tithed.
Malachi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me.
But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.
- B. Giving:
You have to GIVE before you can RECEIVE.
 - 1. Luke 6:38

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- a. Men will give to you.
 - b. It will come back running over.
 - c. How you give will be how you get it back.
2. Acts 20:35
- a. More blessed to give than to receive.

C. Sowing - (Seeding, Planting):

You have to SOW before you can REAP.

1. Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall
he also reap.
2. II Corinthians 9:6, 10
 - a. Sow sparingly - reap sparingly.
 - b. Sow bountifully - reap bountifully.

D. Casting:

You have to CAST your bread before you can FIND it.

1. Ecclesiastes 11:1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for
thou shalt find it after many days.
 - a. If no casting then,
 - b. No finding.

E. From your heart:

1. By faith.
Hebrews 11:6
2. Joyful:
II Corinthians 9:6-7
 - a. Not grudgingly.
 - b. Not of necessity.
 - c. Cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") (Amplified).
3. In Jesus and in love:
Colossians 3:17
I John 3:17-18
 - a. Do it in the name of the Lord.

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b. Do it in love.

VII. ALMS:

Alms is giving to the poor.

A. Lend to the Lord:

1. Proverbs 19:17

a. You lend to the Lord.

b. He repays you.

B. Rewards:

1. Matthew 6:1, 4

a. To be done in secret.

b. He will reward openly.

C. God remembers:

Acts 10:2, 4

1. He feared God.

2. He gave much alms.

3. His alms were a memorial before God.

4. He received salvation.

VIII. THE LORD HAS PLEASURE IN OUR PROSPERITY:

A. Psa. 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour My
righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the
Lord be

magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of
his servant.