

To  
Tithe  
Or  
Not?  
To Tithe

Mark 12:41-44

# WHAT IS A “TITHE”?

- **Lev. 27:30 One-tenth of the produce of the land, ..., belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy.**
- **Deut 14:22, Neh 13:12**

# WHAT IS A “TITHE”?

- **Prov. 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; (ESV)**
- **Exod. 23:19 "The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God...."**

- **WHAT IS A “TITHE”?**
  - A. The amount - 10% of my increase.  
Lev 27:30**
  - B. First in my hand. Proverbs 3:9**
  - C. Best plan to keep me faithful. Exod 23:19 (unblemished)**
  - D. For the “storehouse.” Ex 23:19, Mal 3:10**

# DID JESUS ABOLISH THE TITHE?

- **Luke 11:42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."**

- 1. Tithing is God's answer to: "God, do you really care about me?"**
  - How can a widow with nothing, give God the money for her next meal?**
  - Why did Christ "call his disciples" to teach them, if he does not similarly teach us, as his disciples?**

**Mal. 3:7-8a From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ... In your tithes and contributions..**

**Mal. 3:10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. (ESV)**



## 2. TITHING – WHAT IF I REALLY “CAN’T?”

- For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. (2 Cor. 8:12 ESV)

**3. Tithing is a “seed” invested in the spreading of the love of God.**

**2 Cor 9:10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.**

# **•WHY DO I TITHE?**

- 1. BC God believes it best for me.**
- 2. BC my tithe gives me a proof that I have put my life in His strong hands.**
- 3. BC I believe in my church and the harvest that God produces through my giving.**

# • **WHY DO I TITHE?**

- 4. BC I love Jesus. He says that the “how” of my giving tells Him so.**
- 5. BC I gave up robbing God a long time ago.**

# NEXT STEPS

1. **Ps 139:23. Search me oh God and know my heart. Try me and know my ways. And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**
2. **Choose obedience today.**

# **“TITHES” AND “OFFERINGS” – IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?**

- **Tithes (10%) - from my “increase.”  
Lev 27:30, Neh 13:12;**
- **Offerings – “special” items; from  
“surplus.” 2 Cor 8:12 & 9:7.**