

# What Does the Bible Say About Tithing?

## Tithing pre-dates the law:

### **Genesis 14:18-20 KJV**

(18) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

(19) And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

(20) And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

## The Bible says that the tithe is the tenth part:

### **Hebrews 7:2 KJV**

(2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

## The Lord says the tithe is a holy thing:

### **Leviticus 27:30 KJV**

(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.

### **Leviticus 27:30 NIV**

(30) "A tenth of everything the land produces belongs to me. That includes grain from the soil and fruit from the trees. It is holy. It is set apart for me.

## The tithe shows the Lord where your heart is:

### **Malachi 3:6-12 KJV**

(6) For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

(7) Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

(8) Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

(9) Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

(10) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

(11) And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

(12) And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

## Where should we give our tithes?

- To the place where you are fed on a consistent basis, i.e. your local church.

**This scripture also indicates what the Lord will do in our lives when we tithe.**

- We must understand that God is not obligated to multiply and return our tithing. That is based solely on our giving above the tithe.
- Actually tithing postures us so that God can be involved in our lives in the financial arena.

**Jesus said that one ought to tithe and so the assumption is that He tithed during His earthly ministry:**

**Matthew 23:23 KJV**

(23) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

**Matthew 23:23 NLT**

(23) "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law--justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

**In His High Priestly role, Jesus receives the tithes that we present to Him:**

**Hebrews 7:8 KJV**

(8) And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

## **What Does the Bible Say About Giving?**

**There is a spiritual law of sowing and reaping just as there is a natural law:**

**Genesis 8:22 KJV**

(22) While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

**Galatians 6:6-9 KJV**

(6) Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

(7) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

(8) For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(9) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

### **Luke 6:38 KJV**

(38) Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

### **2 Corinthians 9:6-11 KJV**

(6) But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

(7) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

(8) And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

(9) (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

(10) Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

(11) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

### **2 Corinthians 9:5-11 AMP**

(5) That is why I thought it necessary to urge these brethren to go to you before I do and make arrangements in advance for this bountiful, promised gift of yours, so that it may be ready, not as an extortion [wrung out of you] but as a generous and willing gift.

(6) [Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings.

(7) Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. [Prov. 22:9.]

(8) And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

(9) As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! [Ps. 112:9.]

(10) And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. [Isa. 55:10; Hos. 10:12.]

(11) Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.

**Money does not move from being a means of exchange to being seed unless it is attached to the Word of God.**

We can sow in one of two ways:

1. We can sow our finances in our own church or in a ministry that we know is preaching the Word of God.
2. We can sow it directly into the lives of people and attach a God thought (Word) with it.