

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO THE OBEDIENT

Tithes

Tithe is obedience to the Lord – The tithe belongs to the minister or ministers and to support ministers. You tithe to your (storehouse) where you are being fed.

Lev. 27:30 – tithe is holy unto the Lord

Num. 18:21 – Levites (ministers) receive the tithe. Vs. 24-28- Levites would take tithe of the tithe to the High priest or covering. We tithe to the ministry the Lord has us tithe to and then that ministry tithes to their covering and so on and so on.

Deut. 14:22, 23 – learn to fear the Lord

Deut. 14:28, 29 The Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand.

2 Chron. 31:3-21 key vs. 3-6

Neh. 13:10-12 key vs. 10, 11 – When people quit supporting the ministers the church fell apart.

Neh. 10:32-39 – Nehemiah and the people did what was right and then the order or pattern that God had made was restored.

1 Cor. 9:4-14 key vs. 13, 14 – unchanged from Old to New Testament.

1 Tim. 5:17-18 – honor is speaking of money.

Mal. 3:8-12

The tithe is “paid” because it is a debt, the offering is “given” because it is an expression of our gratitude. Paying tithes hinges on honesty, the free will offering on generosity.

Pro. 3:9, 10

Ex. 22:29

Offerings

Offerings – support the church and furnishings

Being generous is giving offerings and alms. These are not limited by a percentage; it is only limited by one's faith and trust in God.

Ex. 35:4-11, 21 special offerings

Neh. 10:32, 33

Mark 12:41-44

Ex. 36:5-7

Alms

Alms are laid at the Apostle's feet for distribution to those saints and poor in need.

Alms – The proof of one's compassionate, tender and merciful heart.

Matt. 6:1-4

Acts 4:34, 35

Luke 12:33, 34

The measure of your faith is the measure of your blessing!

Matt. 13:1-9

Tithe (thirty fold return)

Tithe and offering (sixty fold return)

Tithe, offering and alms (one hundred fold return)

Luke 6:38

Mete – 3354. Metro, met-reh'-o; from Greek 3358; to measure (i.e. ascertain in size by a fixed standard); by impl. To admeasure (i.e. allot by rule); fig. To estimate:- measure, mete. 3358. Metron, met'-ron; an appar. Prim. Word; a measure ("metre"), lit. or fig.; by impl. A limited portion (degree): -measure.

Matt. 6:33

Gal. 6:7, 8

Phil. 15-19, key vs. 19

SUMMARY

1. Tithes

- A. 10% of any income received. The gross amount. Paid by all Christians to the Lord to their storehouse (where you are being disciplined and being readied for your ministry). This 10% cannot be designated for anything else.
- B. Belongs to the Levites (ministers) and we're robbing God if we use the tithe for anything else.
- C. Determines the number of full time ministers we can support in the church.
- D. The Levites or ministers pay a tithe on what they receive to their storehouse (covering).

2. Offerings

- A. There is no limit by percentage; it is only limited by your faith and trust in God.
- B. For the total maintenance of the building and furnishings.
- C. Special offerings as needed.

3. Alms

- A. Laid at the apostle's feet for distribution to those saints and poor in need.

Any giving is an act of the will of the believer who thankfully acknowledges that God supplies all their need. In cheerfully returning, through obedience to the Word, that part which we thus prove that act of faith is in total dependence upon God. By this faithful obedience God is glorified.

This is in all of God's perfect will order that the Kingdom of God may be made manifest on the earth through His witnesses working in unity of the Spirit to see the saints disciplined and the unsaved saved.