

Freewill Giving - I Dare You! 1.18.26

**What does the Bible teach about giving? How much should I give?
Why should I give?**

Malachi 3:8,10

8 “Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated Me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat You?’ “You have cheated Me of the tithes and offerings due to Me.

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10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!

“Tithe” is first mentioned in Gen. 14:20. Abraham gave a tithe (10%) to someone named Melchizedek. Who was Melchizedek?

Gen. 14:17-20

17 After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). 18 And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. 19 Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you.”

*Then Abram gave Melchizedek a **tenth** of all the goods he had recovered.*

The practice of giving 10% was not created by the church. It was given by God.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23

22 “You must set aside a tithe of your crops—one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. 23 Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for His name to be

*honored—and eat it there in His presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. **Doing this will teach you always to fear the Lord your God.***

What does giving our tithe and offerings teach us? (Deut. 14:23)

Are we obligated to give a 10% tithe? Isn't that Old Testament teaching that the New Testament believer is no longer under?

What did Jesus have to say on this subject? “*give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.*” Matt. 22:21

What does the Bible teach us about giving?

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

*6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 **You must each decide in your heart how much to give.** And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “**For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.**”*

Your attitude in how you give, is greater than the amount of what you give! What does your attitude on giving reveal?

***Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.** Matt. 6:21*

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. 1 Tim. 6:10

Jesus also said...

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running

*over, and poured into your lap. **The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*** Luke 6:38

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Does God need your money? *See Psa. 50:12

Why is it important that we give willingly our tithe and offerings?

For Deeper Study: Who was Melchizedek? Who is he a picture type of? *See Hebrews 7.

Gen. 14:18

*And **Melchizedek**, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, **brought** Abram some bread and wine.*

What did Melchizedek bring? What does bread and wine in the Bible often represent? What is the promise of blessing in Malachi?

Malachi 3:11

Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

Can you buy salvation! No! *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph. 2:8-9*

Your giving is connected to your heart attitude and trust you have in God and His Word! Put Him to the test! Take Him up on His dare!