

TITHING

Tithing Effects

Foundation: The systems of tithing have changed; The law concerning the tithe is different, but the principles and characteristics of the tithe are the same; What we read about the tithe in the Law is still true about the tithe, even though we're not under the law

I. The tithe is the Lord's (Leviticus 27:30)

- A. The tithe is a special tenth portion of your increase which God reserved from Himself
 - 1. Just b/c there is no law to tithe doesn't change the truth that the tithe is the Lord's
 - 2. The tithe has always been the Lord's-(Eden, Abraham, Jacob, The Law, Jesus, Us)
- B. Because the tithe is the Lord's **tithing** is **returning** to God what is His
 - 1. Tithing **is not giving** because you can't give what's not yours
 - 2. We've looked at it like God wants 10% of my stuff no the 10% is His
- C. Returning the tithe to God simply keeps you from being a thief because the tithe is the Lord's
 - 1. The tithe does not belong to you and the moment you choose to not return it you became a thief (EX: If you rent a car you can't make a decision about whether or not you should keep that car; That car is not yours to keep; You return it)
 - a. Malachi 3:8-They were robbing God because they were taking the tithe and **it was His**
 - b. You keep company with the enemy when you don't tithe and rob God-John10:10
 - 2. You will reap what you sow; if you steal from God things will be stolen from you; it's not God's doing it's a law that you put into motion-Gal 6:7
 - a. You put the very law into motion that gave Satan the right to come and take what's rightfully yours (Healing, prosperity, peace, joy)
- D. Give to God what's God's and the tithe is God's (Luke 20:25, Matthew 22:21, Mark 12:17)
 - 1. EX: When you make your monthly budget you don't include the money deducted to pay your taxes because it's not yours. It's the government's; they have designated that money to be used to fund the upkeep of your state and nation. God has already designated the tithe to finance the Kingdom of God in the Earth, so don't include that money when you make your budget. **If you don't pay your taxes the nation suffers and when you take the tithe the Kingdom suffers.** (EX: 593 billion a year in the USA church if every Christian tithed, 2million per church)
 - 2. Honor is due to God and we honor him with the tithe (Romans 13:7, Malachi 1:6, Proverbs 3:9, **Matthew 15:4-8**-They honor me w/ their lips; their heart & treasure is far from me)
- E. God has placed you as a steward over the tithe because the tithe is our opportunity to prove ourselves faithful and qualified to handle more

1. You are a distribution center on the Earth and Heaven sends things to the distribution center to distribute Heaven's resources in the Earth-Gen12:2, 2 Cor9:8,11,1Tim6:17,Eph4:28
 2. **Luke16:10**-Why put more in your hands when don't do what God said w/ what you have?
 - a. 10-Whatever you do with the 10th is how you'll handled the ninety
 - b. 12-Why should God increase **your** 90 when you're not being faithful with **His** 10th
- F. An offering can't be truly given until the tithe is released
1. EX: If you borrow my car and instead of giving me the car back you give me \$10, I'm not going to receive the offer because you've haven't returned to me what's mine
 2. Offerings are what you're giving to God of yours; Tithing is returning what's His; You **return** the tithe you **give** an offering
 3. Tithing gets you to the position where you can give & have it given back to you-Lk6:38

II. The tithe is holy unto the Lord (Leviticus 27:30)

- A. The tithe and tithing is to be honored and treated as sacred; If that's God's portion it should be handled with great **honor** and **reverence**
1. **Holy**-Hallowed, dedicated, consecrated, apartness, sacredness, set-apartness, **to be honored or treated as sacred**, to regard or treat as sacred or hallowed
 - a. We've got in the routine bucket plunking and not treating the tithe as sacred
 - b. This is a sacred special thing and if we'll start treating it as such then we will start seeing the benefits of it manifest in our lives
 2. The tithe is holy because it represents lives, it represents souls, it represents the advancement of the Kingdom of God; That tithe was set apart by God because it was supposed to go into the church or ministry and be a tool or avenue through which somebody who doesn't know God could get saved and healed and delivered
 - a. Your buying gas and pizza with the tithe that's not handled it as holy
- B. Tithing is **an** avenue by which we stay in agreement with God
1. Holiness is the state of being in agreement with God; When God says something is Holy and you don't treat it as such you are in disagreement with Him
 - a. The tree was God's, holy/set apart and when Adam didn't treat it as such He was in disagreement with God; God said it's mine and Adam said it's mine
 - b. It'd be very hard for Adam to start declaring he's the blessed over the Lord after that
 2. If God says it's His and you say it's yours that's disagreement (Amos 3:3)
 - a. Tithing is key to stay in agreement with God and receive His promises in your life
- C. We have to handle the tithe properly; mishandling Holy things is serious (You can mishandle the tithe in not returning it or in returning it improperly)
1. Adam and Eve touched the tree and they were separated (Genesis 2:17)

2. Koathites were to carry the tent, but if they touched the holy thing they died-Num4:15
3. Uzzah died when he touched the Holy thing (1 Chronicles 13:10, 2 Chronicle 35:3)

III. Tithe blessing exchange-When you bring the tithe because you love God, Jesus releases the blessing because he loves you

- A. The tithe-blessing exchange says that when you bring the tithe you activated the blessing, when you don't you activated the curse-Gen14:17-20, Heb7:1-2,7, Malachi 3:8-10, Gen 2
 1. The blessing is the empowerment to have success in every arena of life-Proverbs 10:22
 - a. The curse is the empowerment to fail in every arena of life
 - b. When that curse is at work it's like you're on a conveyor belt of problems
 - c. When you bring the tithe you leave with something greater than the tithe
 - d. When you don't bring the tithe it's not that God wants you cursed it's that you've put the principle to work which activates the curse in your life
 2. **Titling is one principle that is key to activating the blessing**
 - a. I'm glad you're blessed but is the blessing working for you; You can be equipped and the equipment not being working, you can be empowered and the power not be working, you can be blessed and the blessing not be working
- B. Mishandling the holy thing will bring the curse and cause defeat in your life (Joshua 6,7)
 1. 6:18-The accursed thing was the thing devoted and if you touch it the curse comes
 - a. The tithe is an accursed b/c when you touch it the curse works in your life-Malachi 3:8
 2. 6:19-The silver and gold was consecrated/holy unto the Lord; it was the Lord's like the tithe
 - a. 7:1,11,21-They took of or stole the thing that was God's
 3. **7:12-Because the Holy thing was taken they couldn't stand before their enemies**
 - a. 10-Many people are laying on their face crying because of all their "troubles" just like Joshua while they mishandled the Holy thing
 - b. They couldn't even win the "easy" battle when the holy thing was taken
 4. Genesis 14-Abraham won because of the blessing and he didn't touch the Holy thing
- C. As a seed of Abraham I practice tithing under the Abrahamic covenant-Galatians 3:29
 1. If the covenant is everlasting, God had to set up the same order, so that Abraham's seed could inherit the same promise that he got; If Abraham had a high priest to bring his tithe to and get the blessing activated in his life, then I need to have a high priest to bring my tithe to so that I can get the blessing activated in my life
 2. You use the tithe the way you use a faith weapon; I'm a person who tithes the tithe and standing in the face of my enemies I'm an overcomer and it's because I bring the tithe and I'm like my Father Abraham, I can go into a battle and win a battle I'm not supposed to win because I brought the tithe and the blessing is on my life

3. EX: I'd rather have the blessing on and the lights off than the blessing off and the lights on (Let the blessing get the light's back on)

IV. Tithing the tithe

- A. You can know about the tithe and know nothing about tithing; The money or the goods is the tithe; Tithing is the process of faith & love through which we bring the 10th to our High Priest
 1. Tithing was supposed to be a special time where man brought the tenth of his increase to His creator and honored him with it; it was supposed to be a time of love and faith where we acknowledge our total dependence & reliance upon God & our thankfulness to God
 2. EX: A farmer in the OT would bring in the crops when he went to harvest and would set apart ten percent to God. Get the picture. He has been waiting for a couple of months and now it finally comes in. It's precious to him, yet he takes the tenth and honors God with it. God knows the farmer could use all of it, yet he puts God's portion aside because he knows without God there'd be no land to farm, no seed to sow, no sun, no rain, no harvest so he has to honor God with this tenth.
- B. Believers have not been handling the tithe as holy; People are giving ten percent, but this no honor in it
 1. There's nothing holy or honorable about scratching some ink on a piece of paper and dropping it in a bucket and praying a five second prayer over it
 - a. EX: It's like a husband giving a wife a gift and just tossing it to her and saying her you go. He didn't honor her, he didn't honor the gift, he's not honoring her with the gift
 2. **The words of love and faith over the tithe are as important as the tithe**
 3. Honor and faith and love should be transmitted in that time of tithing
- C. God is not just interested in what you do, but how you do it matters to him; How you return the tithe is vital and it's that, that God honors-2Corinthians 9:7, Mt23:23, James 5:17
 1. Bringing the tithe alone is not enough, God's requiring more-Matthew 23:23
 2. **When you remove relationship you give birth to religion; powerless religion**
 - a. The blessing responds to somebody tithing the tithe, not plunking money in a bucket
 - b. Apart from faith and love what you do in the Kingdom of God has no merit
 - c. Just b/c you do something the Word says, doesn't mean you did it in faith-Mt 17:15-17
 - 1) It's not the act of dropping ten percent in that makes the tithe work, it's the love and faith supporting and backing the tithe that makes it work
 - 2) When you tithe the tithe you not only release money, but you release the faith necessary to see the power of the tithe work in your life
 - d. We've turned tithing into religion like others have turned praying into religion (Catholic)
 - 1) With no faith in it it's just a religious act and you've omitted the weightier matter
 - 2) It's like praying without love and faith; that will produce no results
 - 3) The repetitions are vain because there's no love and faith in it and so is the tithe

3. **This is not jack and his beanstalk beans; it's not just you drop something in the bucket everything is going to be great; much more goes into it than that**

- a. When you don't tithe the tithe somebody's being helped, but you're not increasing to the level you could so that you can help more

D. Deuteronomy 26-Tithing the tithe

1. 3-The priest in our days is Jesus and we bring our tithe to him (Hebrews 6:20)
2. 5-When we bring our tithe we're supposed to release words of faith over it
3. 6-We were in hard bondage and treated evilly our father was the devil-Heb2:15, Rom8:15
 - a. We were orphans with no hope, no future, and our father was the devil (Jn 8)
4. 7-We cried unto the Lord God and he heard us (Romans 10:8)
5. 8-The two-edged sword and the Spirit of God cut open my spirit emptied me of spiritual death and filled me to overflowing with the very life of God himself; I've been endued with power from on high to have authority over the devil and walk out the victory that Jesus provided-That's a mighty hand, that's an outstretched arm, that's a great sign and wonder (Romans 2:29, Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 2:5)
 - a. You're spirit being recreated was greater than anything God did for them
6. 9-We've been translated into the KOG and are join-heirs-Col1:12,Lk17:21,12:32,Rom8:17
 - a. I'm in this place; in the Kingdom; in the family, sitting at the King's table; I'm not some stranger or foreigner, but I'm in the household of God (Ephesians 2:19)
 - b. I'm in this place/Kingdom and it flows/gushes with healing, prosperity, peace, joy, deliverance, freedom, power, victory (Galatians 3:13, John 10:10)
7. 11-He has given me healing, he has given me prosperity, he has given me peace, he has given me joy, he has given me victory (2 Peter 1:4)
8. 13-We're saying again with our tithe I have brought the hallowed or holy thing; I've brought it because I love you; I have not transgressed or forgotten your commandment
9. 14-We didn't do with it what we thought, but what you told us
10. 15-In response to us returning the tithe we receive the blessing