

## **GIVING GIFTS - TALENT / TIME / TREASURE**

***Romans 11:36 - For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.***

**Matthew 13:44:** Hidden treasure - Is Christ priceless to you?

**Matthew 13:45-46:** A costly pearl - Is Christ priceless to you?

**Tithe:** Means a tenth

### **Old Testament: (Law)**

- **Genesis 4:3-5:** Cain and Abel
- **Genesis 14: 18-20:** *Abram and Melchizedek*
- **Genesis 28: 20-22:** *Jacob's vow to the Lord*

### **Three tithes required in the Old Testament:**

1. **The Levitical, or sacred tithe:** Numbers 18: 21, 24 10% tithe
2. **The tithe of the feasts** Deuteronomy 14:22-27 - 10% of what was left of the first fruits so  $90\% \times 10\% = 9\%$
3. **The tithe for the poor** Deuteronomy 14:28, 29 10% every third year, basically 3.33% per year.

### **New Testament: (Grace)**

- **Acts 4:32-37**
- **Matthew 23:23**
- **1 Corinthians 16: 1-2**
- **2 Corinthians chapters 8-9:** (encourage you to read completely)

### **Primary principals:**

- 1. Giving is to be periodic:**
- 2. Giving is to be personal:**
- 3. Giving must be planned:**
- 4. Giving must be proportional: 2 Corinthians 8: 12-15 / 1 Corinthians 16:2**
  - a. Not a specific % of one's income, as one may prosper.
  - b. Those with little may give the little they are able
  - c. Those with nothing, if there is readiness to give are not expected to give
  - d. Some may give more than they can give as led by the Spirit like the Macedonians
  - e. Those with less than enough (genuine needs) should be supported by the church from those with more than enough.
- 5. Giving must be plentiful - Remember Romans 12:8**
- 6. Giving is to be from the heart 2 Corinthians 9:7**

### **IS CHRIST PRICELESS TO YOU!**