

## SHOULD BELIEVERS TITHE TODAY?

Central Idea: *While believers are not commanded to tithe, we are instructed to be generous givers – giving from the heart and not according to a fixed, mandatory percentage.*

### 🔗 Tithe: Current Day Confusion

### 🔗 Tithe: Meaning

### 🔗 Tithe: Under the Mosaic Law

- Believers are not under Law today

### 🔗 Tithe: In the New Testament

- Tithe in the NT Scriptures

- Mt 23.23 (Lk 11.42)

- Heb 7.5

- Principles for NT Giving

#### Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. When you hear the *tithe*, what comes to mind? What were you taught about tithing and giving?
2. How would you describe the difference between tithing or giving out of obligation and giving from the heart?
3. What fears and obstacles keep people from giving generously?
4. Is your current pattern of giving intentional, worshipful and joyful? Why or why not?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8-9 for lessons on giving for the believer today.

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FAITH. QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.



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Dave Ramsey's website ([ramseysolutions.com](https://ramseysolutions.com))

## Why Christians Should Tithe

I know money can be emotional. It's easy to feel like, *If I just hold on a little tighter, maybe I'll finally feel secure*. But the truth is, tithing is one of the best ways to loosen that grip and remind yourself who really provides for you.

The Bible tells us that tithing is a way to show that we trust God with our lives and our finances. Because here's the deal: Tithing isn't for God's benefit. He doesn't *need* our money. Instead, tithing is meant for *our* benefit.

Randy Alcorn ([Money, Possessions and Eternity](#))

## **Tithing: The Training Wheels of Giving**

With his emphasis on sacrificial giving, Jesus never once suggested that the “floor” set by the tithe is now invalid, but simply that the ceiling of Christian giving is far above it. When Jesus told the disciples to go the second mile, he assumed they had already gone the first.

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# 3 Distinct Tithes

*Priests  
and Levites*

*Sacred  
Festivals*

*Orphans, Widows,  
Poor (every 3 yrs)*

**Numbers 18.24**

For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance

**Deut 14.22-26**

You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes out of the field every year.

**Deut 14.28-29**

At the end of every third year, you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce ... the alien, the orphan and the widow shall eat and be satisfied

$\$100 - \$10 = \$90$

$\$90 - \$9 = \$81$

$\$81 - \$8 = \$73$

## Malachi 3.8-10

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!* Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

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## Matthew 23.23-24

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

## Luke 18.12

The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

## Hebrews 7.5

Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils. **5** And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham.

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Grace

Sacrificially

Joyfully

Generously

Voluntarily

Themselves