

Trusting Enough **To Tith**



Looking to Jesus

The background of the slide features three wooden crosses on a hill. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange and yellow sky. The crosses cast long, dark shadows across the grassy slope. In the foreground, there are stylized, dark blue waves of water with white highlights, suggesting a body of water in the distance.

Part 22

Money and the Kingdom of God!
Hebrews 7:1-10

Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle.

Now the law of Moses required that the priests, who are descendants of Levi, must collect a tithe from the rest of the people of Israel, who are also descendants of Abraham. But Melchizedek, who was not a descendant of Levi, collected a tenth from Abraham. And Melchizedek placed a blessing upon Abraham, the one who had already received the promises of God. And without question, the person who has the power to give a blessing is greater than the one who is blessed.

Who is Melchizedek?

“King of Righteousness”

King of Salem (peace)

**BOTH
PRIEST
AND
KING**

Jesus Christ is superior to even the most unique High-priest in history. Melchizedek blessed Abraham and received his tithe gift.

Abraham gave a tithe to Melchizedek. The tithe is the Biblical pattern of giving to God's storehouse. (Malachi 3:8-10)

The New Testament counterpart to the Old Testament storehouse is the local church.

I Corinthians 16:2 - thesaurizo, "a storehouse or treasury." The local church in turn is to support pastors, church ministries, send and support missionaries and care for the needy.

Condemning spiritual pride/commending tithing

The Pharisee prayed in pride and self-promotion (Luke 18:9-14). Jesus commended the Pharisees for their practice of tithing while condemning their neglect of “more important things” such as justice, mercy, and faithfulness. (Matthew 23:23)

“You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.” (Matt. 23:23c, NLT) Tithing is an important spiritual discipline, but is not a substitute for other overarching values.

Why Should I Tithe?



Five Good Reasons

1 Tithing is an act of obedience to the Lord
To not tithe is to rob God of what belongs
to Him. Malachi 3:8

2 Tithing is a spiritual discipline, not an act
of legalism.

Tithing is one of the many beneficial
spiritual disciplines described in
Scripture.

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Tithing an act of worship to the Lord
Money can become a god, and tithing guards against this. Matthew 6:19-21

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Tithing is a joyful privilege
God loves a cheerful giver! II Cor. 9:7

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Tithing is a secure investment
Lay up treasures in Heaven! Matt. 6:19-20

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Tithing is God's means to bless the giver
Test God and watch Him throw open the
"windows of Heaven!" Malachi 3:10

Bring the "whole tithe" into the storehouse!

"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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“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 And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. II Cor. 9:6-8