

Tithing is Not a New
Testament Concept

Principle of FirstFruits:

If we give God the best part of the first part, He blesses all of the parts.

Give God the best, He blesses the rest.

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38)

7 This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, 2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.”

3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever. 4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! (Heb 7:1-4)

Jesus Said:

“Seek first the Kingdom of God.” (Matt. 6:33)

“Anyone who wants to be my follower must deny himself, take up His cross and follow me.”
(Matt. 16:24)

“If you put any relationship above your relationship with me, you cannot be my follower.”
(Luke 14:26)

Jesus Said:

The most important commandment is to “love the Lord God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength.” (Put God first) (Matt. 22:36-40)

“You recognize what’s in someone’s heart by what they say and do.” (Luke 6:45)

“Where your treasure is, that’s where your heart is.” (Matt. 6:21)

Jesus Said:

“What you give while living on this earth stores up treasure in Heaven.” (Matt. 6:19-21)

“Being a disciple is more valuable than the sum of everything you own.” (Matt. 13:44-46)

God has always been pleased with first fruits and displeased with leftovers.

Laws were given to help people practice principles that were greater than the Law.

The tithe was a law under the Old Covenant to help people know how to practice the principle of First Fruits.

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

3 Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. (1 Corinthians 16)

1) We should practice the principle of Firstfruits (**On the first day.**)

2) Giving should be regular. (**Every week**)

3) They gave and trusted. (They approved people to distribute their giving.)

4) Every Christian should be giving.
**(Each one of you should set aside a
sum of money)**

5) When everybody gives, special offerings are not necessary. **(When I come no collections will have to be made.)**

6) The amount that you give is based on the amount that you earned. **(In keeping with your income)**

4 P's of Giving:

Planned

Priority

Percentage

Progressive

Is tithing a NT Concept? There are Better Questions

Can a person be a follower of Jesus & not put Him first in every aspect of life?

Since Creation, there has been a principle that God expects every person to practice called what?

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How do we define this principle?

Does this principle apply to our
income?

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To make sure that the Israelites lived by this principle with their income, how much were they required to set aside as Firstfruits?

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If you don't know in advance how much you are going to set aside for God, and then life happens, are you likely to practice the principle of Firstfruits?

6 Quick Points:

(1) You can't take it with you -
neither can your kids

6 Quick Points:

(2) Or can you? The only thing you keep is what you give away.

6 Quick Points:

(3) It's hard for the rich to get into Heaven so be careful that you don't make faith difficult for your kids.

6 Quick Points:

(4) Saving is good - What are you saving for? How much do you need?

6 Quick Points:

(5) Don't blame God for debt

6 Quick Points:

(6) If it's all His, we don't have to worry about what happens to it!