

Kingdom Finance

Finance Facts

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1. ARE TITHES AND OFFERINGS STILL APPLICABLE?

- 1.1.** To understand the spiritual teachings of tithes and offerings in a New Testament setting we have to look at where we find our roots.

Galatians 3:6-9 (AMP) “Just as Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, [as conformity to God’s will and purpose—so it is with you also]. So understand that it is the people who live by faith [with confidence in the power and goodness of God] who are [the true] sons of [a]Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the good news [of the Saviour] to Abraham in advance [with this promise], saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

2. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ABRAHAM AND TITHES

- 2.1.** Abraham gave a tenth of all the treasure he had taken in the battle against the king of Elam to the priest Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:1-2 (AMP) “For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of all [the spoil]. He is, first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace.”

Genesis 14:17-20 (AMP) “Melchizedek king of Salem (ancient Jerusalem) brought out bread and wine [for them]; he was the priest of God Most High. And Melchizedek blessed Abram and said, “Blessed (joyful, favoured) be Abram by God Most High, Creator and Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed, praised, and glorified be God Most High, Who has given your enemies into your hand.” And Abram gave him a tenth of all [the treasure he had taken in battle].”

- 2.2.** Abraham gave. No one asked or told him too.
2.3. It was a gesture of thankfulness, honour and partnership.

3. WHY TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE STILL APPLICABLE

- 3.1.** Abraham’s conviction was in his heart. Tithing should be a heart issue for us as well.
3.2. Tithing money does not belong to us, it belongs to God.

Malachi 3:8 (AMP) “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings [you have withheld].”

Matthew 22:21 (AMP) “Then He said to them, “Then pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”

3.3. Tithing money belongs to the church.

Malachi 3:10-11 Amplified Bible (AMP) “Bring all the tithes (the tenth) into the [a]storehouse,”

4. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TITHE?

Malachi 3:10-11 (AMP) “Bring all the tithes (the tenth) into the [a]storehouse, so that there may be [b]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 [so great] a blessing until there is no more room to receive it. Then I will rebuke the [c]devourer (insects, plague) for your sake and he will not destroy the fruits of the ground, nor will your vine in the field drop its grapes [before harvest],” says the Lord of hosts.”

5. WHY IS THE TITHE AN ISSUE?

5.1. We can feel that we don’t have enough money to tithe.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

5.2. We can feel that we tithe in other ways.

5.3. We don’t trust pastors with our tithe.

5.4. We feel that our tithe is too small to be missed.

Luke 16:10-12 (AMP) “He who is faithful in a very little thing is also faithful in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little thing is also dishonest in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of earthly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you? 12 And if you have not been faithful in the use of that [earthly wealth] which belongs to another [whether God or man, and of which you are a trustee], who will give you that which is your own?”

5.5. We can feel that churches only care about money.

Proverbs 18:19 “A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle.”

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. How do you feel about paying your tithe?
2. Do you feel that tithing is important?
3. Do you find tithing difficult? Why do you find it so difficult?
4. Do you pay your tithe to the church or do you pay it somewhere else?