

Christianity's Misconceptions of Tithing

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Are teachings promoting tithing valid from a Biblical perspective? A solid Biblical foundation is necessary to understand why much of what is taught about tithing today is in error.

Learn the identity of Melchizedek, to whom Abram tithed, but understand why this tithe cannot be grounds for supporting a tithing system for today. Understand that Malachi's prophecies condemn the corrupt religious leadership, who stole tithes from those to whom they belonged and led the people away from the ways of the Lord. Is there a parallel in what we see in much of Christianity today?

Yeshua never took a tithe and did not instruct His disciples to take tithes either. Their support depended entirely upon free-will contributions. New Testament giving is based upon free will, not a command from God to tithe. Giving is to be motivated by a sincere and unselfish desire from the heart to support the work of the Lord and to help others in need, in accordance with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God. The Early Church never taught or practiced tithing as a means of support, either before or after the destruction of the Temple.

The purpose of the tithing system of the Old Testament was to provide support for the Tribe of Levi, who was selected by God to serve first in the Tabernacle, and later in the Temple. This system of support came to an end in AD 70, when the Temple was destroyed. Today's religious leaders and church organizations do not take the place of the Levitical priesthood and Temple service, and so cannot make any legitimate claim to the tithes of the Old Testament Covenant.

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