

Cheerful Giving



Following Jesus, Everyday, In Every way



A History of Tithing

- **The teaching of Tithing is unfolded in OT**
- **Tithing predates the Law – Gen.14:20; 28:22**
- **Lev.27:30-32 – The Tithe is introduced – 1:10 of EVERYTHING they produced was holy to God - 30**
- **Deut.12:11,17-19 – Tithe is brought to the temple**
- **12:18 – It is to be consumed in the presence of God**
- **This concept that the one offering the tithe is the one who is to consume the tithe is usually ignored**
- **Deut.16:14-15 – Feast of Tabernacles was the when**



A History of Tithing

- **Deut.14:22-29 - Further unfolding of this concept.**
- **10% of everything is to be set aside to God**
- **23 – It is to be eaten in the presence of God**
- **24 – If far from Jerusalem, convert tithe to silver**
- **26- Go to Jerusalem and buy whatever YOU like:
“meat, wine, strong drink or anything you wish”**
- **Everyone of household and Levites are to participate**
- **28- 1:3 years the tithe was to be stored in their town
to care for orphans, widows, sojourners, Levites**



The Purpose of Tithing

- 1. To recognize God as the giver of all things**
- 2. To rejoice in God's abundant goodness to us.**
- 3. To teach your family to give God the glory**
- 4. To care for the practical needs of spiritual workers**
- 5. To care for the widows, orphans and sojourners**
- 6. To care for the poor. Our plenty is to meet the needs of others that there may be equality.**



More History of Tithing

- **The tithe was regularly forgotten – 2 Chron.31, Neh.10**
- **Amos 4:4 – God refers to the 1:3 year tithe to temple**
- **Malachi 3:8-10 – They weren't doing the 1:3**
- **They may have been having the 10% party Every year or may have just neglecting the whole tithing concept all together.**



NT Concept of Giving

- ***Koinonia* is the concept of brotherly love created by the sharing and fellowship in common life.**
- **As Christ is one with the Father and we are in Christ, so we should be with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Acts 4:32-37**
- **As followers of Jesus in distant places experienced need, believers everywhere responded and shared**
- **Acts 6:1-4 “Deacons” put in charge of money**
- **1 Cor.9:4-14 The right for spiritual sowers to reap a material harvest**



NT Concept of Giving

- **1 Cor.16:1-4 –The saints in Jerusalem were suffering.**
- **On the first day of the week – (The Lord’s Day)**
- **They were to set aside a sum of money - planning**
- **It was to be in keeping with their income – 2**
- **There was to be transparency in its handling - 3**
- **2 Cor.8:1-5 – “ Out of severe trial, their overflowing joy and extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity”**
- **They gave as they were able and beyond**
- **First they gave themselves to the Lord then money**



Cheerful Giving

- 1. Giving is an act of Love. Not commanded 2Cor.8:8**
- 2. Giving is a balanced response between what I have and what the other people need - 2 Cor.8:14,15**
- 3. Giving recognizes God's ownership of all things**
- 4. Giving stimulates praise to God and prayer 9:11-14**
- 5. Joy-filled sacrificial giving reflects the character of and example of Jesus. 2Cor.8:9**
- 6. Joyful giving expresses our thanks to God for His indescribable gift. 2 Cor.9:15**