

## The Doctrine of Giving

Various Scriptures

*"The point is this. The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart- not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

**What are some common misunderstandings about giving that causes people to stumble over the Christian faith?**

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\*Giving is a \_\_\_\_\_. \*Giving tithes and offering \_\_\_\_\_ us of sin.

\*All the money goes to the \_\_\_\_\_. \*Tithing is like paying \_\_\_\_\_.

### What is an offering?

- The physical elements in which the worshiper brings to their Deity to express devotion, thanksgiving, or the need for forgiveness.
- Hebrew word minkhaw: gift, tribute, present, and sacrifice. Comes from root meaning bestow, give a donation and specifically tied to a sacrificial voluntary offering.
- Greek word doron: gift, present, a sacrifice and offering.

**When is the first time giving an offering to the true and living God is mentioned in the Bible and what happened?**

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\*Genesis 4:3-7

**Why do you think God rejected Cain's offering?**

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Because God required a \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:21

**Based on this example, list three reasons it is important to teach our children about giving our best offerings to God.**

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\*Promotes \_\_\_\_\_ to God \*Helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

\*Encourages God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Notice how the family of faith continued to build altar's and give offerings to God:  
Noah Gen. 8:20; Abraham Gen. 22:13; Isaac Gen. 26:25; Jacob Gen. 35:7

## What is a tithe?

Hebrew word mahasyr meaning a tenth part, one tenth. The first time we see a giving of a tithe is from Abram Genesis 14:18-20.

### Do you notice anything in particular about when Abram gave?

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\*He didn't give to \_\_\_\_\_ something in return, but he \_\_\_\_\_ in response to what God had done.

### Who and what was the tithe for and where did it go?

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Numbers 18:20-31; Deuteronomy 14:22-27, 28-29; Malachi 3:8

\*Levitical tithe

\*Family feast for Jerusalem

\*Charity tithe

### An example of tithing today...

If you receive \$10 = tithe \$1 and you keep/use \$9

If you receive \$50 = tithe \$5 and you keep/use \$45

If you receive \$100 = tithe \$10 and you keep/use \$90

If you receive \$2,000 = tithe \$200 and you keep/use \$1,800

Not only were offerings passed down from generations, but so was tithing. Gen. 28:22

## Different forms of biblical offering:

The following offerings/sacrifices were used in conjunction with each other and were carried out on both individual and a corporate basis. The sacrificial system taught the necessity of dealing with sin and, at the same time, demonstrated that God had provided a way for dealing with sin.

**\*Burnt offering:** Performed after child birth, unclean discharge; offering in the morning or evening. Young bull, lamb goat, turtle dove, or young pigeon. Lev. 12:6-8

**\*Grain offering:** Meat offering from the harvest of the land, no bloodshed. Mix with flour, oil, salt, and frankincense. Lev. 2:13

**\*Peace offering:** Well-being, shared or fellowship; sacrifice bull, cow, lamb, or goat that had no defects. The priest would receive the right thigh and breast, but the rest was given to the one who offered it to have a meal of celebration. Lev. 7:11-21

**\*Sin offering:** Purification; it was put in place to sanctify oneself from sin. Required a bull, however the poor could offer two turtle doves or two young pigeons. Lev. 6:24-30

**\*Guilt offering:** Similar to the sin offering; Someone who stole something was expected to repay in full plus 20% and bring a ram for the guilt offering. Lev. 6:11-12

Praise God, all of these offerings have been **fulfilled** in the sacrificial death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

**As you reflect on the meaning and history of tithe and offering, how does this help you to encourage others who express doubts and frustration with the church today?**

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### **What happened when Jesus came?**

As we transition into the New Testament, the people continued to sacrificed according to the guidelines in the Old Testament. In keeping with the Levitical law, Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple and offered a sacrifice for her purification. Even throughout His adult life, the sacrificial system went on business as usual until He died and sacrificed His life for us. Under grace our giving shifts from what we give to the heart of our giving. Luke 2:22-46; Hebrews 7:27

**Since we are in the New Testament, does giving a tithe and offering stop? Why or why not?**

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\*Hebrews 7:1-17; Jesus came in the order of Melchizedek; 1 Timothy 6:17

✓ Remember our giving should be in **response** to what he has done.

**What if I don't have a job or my budget is too tight? Are there other ways I can give?**

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\*Mark 12:41-44

### **We can also give...**

- Our bodies for service. Romans 12:1
- Our attention to prayer. Acts 6:4
- Our time in the Word. 1 Timothy 4:13
- Ourselves wholly to God. 1 Timothy 4:15

**What kind of attitude and behavior should be reflected in my giving?**

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\*2 Corinthians 9:6-8

\*Matthew 6:1-4

\*Luke 18:9-14

-Give \_\_\_\_\_

- Give according to your \_\_\_\_\_
- Not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- Give \_\_\_\_\_
- Not to be \_\_\_\_\_ by others.
- In \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not self righteously.

**Where does our tithe and offering go towards today?**

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\*Hebrews 13:16

- Utilities (Lights, gas, water, phone, internet)
- Services (snow removal, lawn care)
- Building maintenance (repairs, upkeep, and renovations)
- Ministries (materials, equipment, and supplies)
- Benevolence (assistance)
- Community (Other entities and organizations)
- Food pantry (Supplies, equipment)
- Staff (Office, Building and grounds, Ministry, Music)

**What is one thing you have learned about giving that you are willing to share with someone else?**

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**In every way I've shown you that it is necessary to help the weak by laboring like this and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." -Acts 20:35**