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I Can't Afford Not to Give (Tithing)

What is it tithing? What should we tithe? The tithe is the tenth of something given or paid as a contribution to an organization or body. Different from a tax, a tithe is freely given as opposed to mandated. Tithe literally translates to the "tenth". So anything that one has to give towards the betterment of the church is essentially appropriate to give, however the most expedient contribution in a capitalistic world would be monetary funds.

Who should tithe and who should we tithe to? Tithing is an God mandated Old Testament practice that was used as a support to the priests in order to handle and advance the temple and temple business. In today's church the tithe is used to further to the Churches advancement of the Kingdom. All those concerned with the advancement of the Church's mission should tithe.

When should we tithe? First, we tithe (set apart a tenth) immediately upon receiving the whole of our periodically distributed earnings.

Where should we tithe? Ideally every time we met to worship collectively an offering should be readily available to the Lord from us for the furtherance of His Kingdom. But tithing should only be given at the first consignment of funds from periodic or gross earnings.

Why do we tithe? To contribute to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth through the mutually beneficial Spiritual Principle of Sowing & Reaping.

Jesus is focused on the self and soul, issues of the Kingdom (on earth as it is in heaven). Paul was focused on establishing and building the church. The mission of the church is to educate the message and advance the work of the Kingdom. In order to do that we need give/tithe

Giving for a Christ follower is never solely about payment. As with the Jewish culture "something always means something else". It's about the law of sowing and reaping which is evident throughout all of scripture and in the world we live. (special and general revelation)

Tithing is an OT principle, Sowing and reaping is a universal principle. And we see it showcased in the OT through tithing, in the New Testament through free will giving and Jesus, outside of Christianity through Buddhism Karma.

Sowing and reaping is a foundational tool to bring about the kingdom of heaven. What does that tool look like in the church? Tithing!



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Sowing and reaping creates the concept of eternity. Because if you sow you'll never be without. Sowing and reaping is never ending.....like a mirror in front of a mirror. In order for someone to never be without they would have to be never ending.

Free Will giving

-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. (1 Corinthians 16:2 NIV)

-Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NIV)

-And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. (2 Corinthians 8:10-13 NIV)

-**For Scripture says**, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." (1 Timothy 5:18 NIV)

-During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. (Acts 11:27-30 NIV)



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-Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27 NIV)

-The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Levites and say to them: 'When you receive from the Israelites the tithe I give you as your inheritance, you must present a tenth of that tithe as the Lord's offering. (Numbers 18:25, 26 NIV)