

Tithing

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS TITHING?

The word “tithes” means “tenth.” Tithing is the practice of giving to the Lord 10% of your income. This is done to honor God for all that He has provided for us, to remind us that He is the ultimate giver and to teach us to trust Him with all that we have.

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” (Leviticus 27:30)

2. ISN'T TITHING UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW, THEREFORE WE SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM IT?

Actually, a biblical study of tithing shows that tithing came before the Old Testament law! Tithing is seen before the law, during the law and after the law. As one preacher put it: “When it comes to tithing, in Genesis 14:20 Abraham commenced it, in Genesis 28:22, Jacob continued it; in Leviticus 27:30, God commanded it, in Malachi 3:10-12 God confirmed it and in Matthew 23:23, Jesus commended it...so who am I to cancel it?”

3. SHOULD I TITHE OFF OF MY NET OR GROSS INCOME?

We should tithe off of our gross income. A very good rule to apply concerning tithing is that the tithe should be the first and the best, trusting that God will bless the rest. “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.” (Proverbs 3:9)

Abraham is the first reference we have in the bible regarding tithing and Genesis 14:20 shows that he tithed on everything: ‘Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything’. Moreover, Genesis 28:22 shows Jacob vowing to do the same and tithe on all that he received from God, ‘And of all that you give me I will give you a tenth’.

“As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything.” (2 Chronicles 31:5)