

## 4. DID JESUS ENDORSE TITHING?

Yes. In his warning to the Pharisees about legalism (they were tithing, but ignoring mercy and justice) he tells them that they should not neglect tithing, but also that their hearts should not neglect mercy and justice and other attributes of the law.

“You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.” (Matthew 23:23)

## 5. AFTER THE DEATH OF JESUS, DID THE EARLY CHURCH TITHE?

The early church showed an example of extreme giving. Some of those first Christ followers sometimes gave everything that they had; 100% instead of just 10%! Those offerings were presented to the church leaders and then distributed as needed to people and the ministry.

“For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.” (Acts 4:34-35)

## 6. IF I DON'T TITHE, WILL I GO TO HELL?

Absolutely not! Your salvation is not purchased by the tithes of man, but by the blood of Jesus Christ! However, there are blessings that you will only have access to through tithing and generous giving. For a true Christian, there is nothing that you possess that you shouldn't be willing to give back to God. Your ability to give to God what rightfully belongs to Him speaks to the condition of your heart. Matthew 6:21-24 says, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...you cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 19:16-30 explains the story of the rich young ruler who was so tied to his riches that he refused to follow Jesus and ultimately he did miss out on eternal life.