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FCS1-4-23: Giving to God - Tithes



Tithes: (Hebrew 4643 – *Malachi 3:10*) ma`aser mah-as-ayr' or maasar mah-as-ar'; and (in plural) feminine maasrah mah-as-law'; from 6240; a tenth; especially a tithe:-- tenth (part), tithe(-ing).

Simply stated, giving a Tithe is a giving back a tenth part of whatever God has prospered. This portion given back to God is for the spiritual blessing of the giver. These Tithes are used to provide the spiritual and administrative needs of the church.

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, **that there may be meat in mine house**, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

A person gives their portion with the understanding that they are giving to God, and not to any man or organization. Though, they may give to an organization or ministry, their portion and heart are giving to God. God will in turn bless the giver based on their heart of giving and not necessarily the amount.

Mark 12:41-44 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. 42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. 43 And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44 For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

Tithing dates back to before the Law of Moses as Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils of war to God by giving to Melchisedec. Abraham understood that he was giving to God as he gave to Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7:1-5 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

In the New Testament church, people still give as God has blessed them. The Apostle Paul established tithes and offerings to be collected at a certain day. In Corinth, he wanted the collection for the believers to be received prior to his coming.

1 Corinthians 16:1-3 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by *your* letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

2 Corinthians 9:5, 12-13 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness.



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12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; 13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*;

When a person gives their tithes to God, they are seen and blessed by Him accordingly.



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Question 1

As described in Malachi 3:10, when you bring tithes into the storehouse the Lord will ...

Give you great riches in this life.

Pour you out a blessing.

Live in a mansion in this life.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 2

As described in Mark 12:41-44, Why did Jesus say that the poor widow hath cast more into the treasury than the other givers?

The rich gave a lot.

The rich gave with a proud spirit.

The poor widow gave all that she had, even all her living.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 3

As described in Hebrews 7:1-5, Abraham gave a tenth part of all to God when he gave to Melchisedec.

True

False

True/False

Question 4

As described in 2 Corinthians 9:5, 12-13, God desires us to give to receive the thanksgivings of others.

True

False

True/False



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