

Luke 10:1 After these things He appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Master of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 10:8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

Mable, what I have learned is that, "In the New Testament there is no mention of tithing being applicable to the New Covenant practitioners, before Yahshua, the Messiah's death or after the death of Yahshua, the Messiah. Why, because it was applicable to the Levites and Priests ONLY!"

"Then why teach a concept that is not biblical" asked Mable

"Good question" answered Elizabeth. "The young man who studies the bible quoted a secular document on tithe that was very interesting":

Tithe (Old English *teotha*, meaning "a tenth") ... **Tithing was adopted in principle by the Christian church** from its founding and was subjected eventually to formal legislation by the Synod of Tours (567 AD) and the Synod of Macon (585).

The institution was later enforced by civil authority (the late 8th-century Capitularies, or decrees, of Charlemagne), recognized in pre-Norman England, and sanctioned by English statute in 1285.

Evangelical television shows often-cost millions of dollars a year and the church has to have a viable revenue stream in order to continue its extravagant ecclesiastical lifestyle, as well as project the image of being blessed by GOD. These men and women of the cloth often have several humongous homes, airplanes and bank accounts that would rival many of the CEO's of today's top businesses, and there is no problem with this blessing, if it is obtained through legal means scripturally. Would GOD have us be poor? Of course not, but ask yourself, would he have us to get rich at the expense of others, by using his word deceitfully?

The young man went on to quote another secular source and said:

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"Wow, I didn't know that", said Mable, "neither did I" said Elizabeth, "and the pastor talked about the wealth of the believers on Sunday and having to give your tithes in order to be blessed." "Wow" said Mable, "what I am hearing from you Elizabeth is that tithing was a biblical concept given unto the Priests of God in the Old Covenant in the form of food, and that concept was adopted by the Christian church in the 6th century AD and changed into money and required and mandated by the church under the penalty of ex-communication"? "Yes" said Elizabeth "and it appears that ex-communication is no longer the tactic of today, but being cursed and ill-favored by GOD, so as to compel the masses to tithe out of fear or to receive a blessing is today's strategy". "Lord have mercy" sighed Mable, you mean to tell me that all of these years I have been giving a tenth of my check when I didn't have a tenth to give, which is the very reason why I can't get all of my medicine"?

"Oh, by the way did you hear Sally just lost her job, and she said that she is going to start paying her tithes from her savings. Maybe we need to speak with her about this after we have spoken to the pastor about this new information. I would be very interested to find out how he can support a mandatory tenth of ones salary being given to the church if it is not a biblical concept commanded by GOD" said Mable.

To read a complete description about tithing, please visit www.nccicharlotte.com or dial (704) 553-7625. The article is titled "Theocratic Deception - The Tithe"

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2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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“Good Morning, Smith’s resident,” answered Mable

“Morning Mable, This is Elizabeth. I hope you are having a blessed day” responded Elizabeth

“Well, it has been a bit of a challenge this week. I went to the pharmacy on Monday to pick up my medicine. I was astounded at the cost. Since I am on a fixed income I only purchased half of my medicine. On Wednesday I got my heating bill, girl, I need to start heating with coal. I couldn’t believe how expensive it is to heat my apartment and Friday my car seemed to be leaking fluid. I am going to have Lester look at it soon because I can’t afford repairs right now. But, with all that said, come Sunday you know I have to give my tithe unto the lord because you know I can’t rob him regardless of my ill-favored position!” Mable exclaimed

“Yes, I believe in tithing too. You have to give your tenth to show your faithfulness toward GOD” said Elizabeth.

“My, my, my I know that by giving my tithes I have a covering over me so there is no lack in my house” Mable proclaimed.

“Mable I believe in tithing because that is what we were raised to believe and I don’t doubt the power of GOD. But as I was speaking with a bible student yesterday he gave me some scriptures with commentary that somewhat startled me, and the website I visited was most revealing and amazing. This is what the young Gentleman told me” says Elizabeth:

Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings? **Malachi 3:8**

How often have you been asked this question in a church service? The modern church seems to be growing rapidly. This growth is often done at the expense of those who can least afford to pay. The purpose of this discussion is to compare and analyze the practice of tithing as it is commonly used today, and to see if it is a biblical or a traditional concept.

In scriptures (Holy Bible) tithes were only given in the form of agriculture before and after the Covenant of Mount Sinai. Notice that the scriptures below give examples of this.

Deut. 14:22 - Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy SEED that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Deut 14:23 And thou shalt eat before GOD, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear YAH thy Elohim always.

Clearly these scriptures make no mention of giving tithes in a monetary form, and the place that GOD chose to place his name was in Jerusalem. Perhaps some would argue that this was a practice in the Old Testament. The New Testament still gives us the same information. Let us examine the scriptures to solidify this argument.

Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisee! FOR YE TITHE MINT AND RUE AND ALL MANNER OF HERBS, and pass over judgment and the love of Elohim: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

The tithing of agricultural products was intended to give the Levites and Priests food to eat as their reward for serving in the Tabernacle or Temple.

They did no work outside the tabernacle. The Priests often had families, and in order to feed them they received tithes from the people, and in order to provide them with financial currency they received redemption, trespass and atonement monies in order to purchase items that they may have desired for themselves and family members.

All of these benefits were given to them in order to sustain them by a covenant called the Aaronic and Levitical covenant.

He then took me to Luke 21:1 to show me what is classified as freewill offerings, which was used to sustain the Tabernacle or Temple, not tithes.

Luke 21:1 reads like this, And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.21:2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.21:3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:21:4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings to GOD: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

We went back to **Malachi 3:8** Will a man rob Elohim? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith YAH 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.

Mable, tithing was food (meat) that was placed in the storehouse; offerings were what the people gave as a freewill offering to the stabilization of the Temple.

Then he asked me a question caused me to think. He asked me had I ever wondered why tithing is not mentioned in the New Testament besides Matthew, Mark and Luke, and why when tithes were mentioned it was in the form of spices?

He then asked, Why didn't Peter, James, Jude, John or Paul mention tithes, they only mentioned offerings? Have you ever wondered why Yahshua (Jesus), the Messiah never commanded a tenth from the people?

He then asked, have you ever wondered why Yahshua (Jesus) commissioned the apostles and disciples and told them to receive what is given to them as freewill offering?