

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

Tithe and Offering

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Tithing is a doctrine of most denominations but subject to personal variance and levels of obedience. Many Christians choose where and to whom they will give. God instituted the tithing system. Let's search the scriptures for his reasoning and purposes.

Opening prayer: Our Father in heaven, we are in search of Your design for tithing. Guide us through Your word, that we might have a clear picture of Your purposes and our part in it. We know that You do nothing that is not for our better good. Grow our faith, that we might step out, trusting Your plan for us. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. Do you see God's plan for tithes and offerings?

1. *1 Timothy 5:17-18* "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the _____ is _____ of his reward."
2. *1 Corinthians 9:6* "Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to _____ working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who _____ a vineyard, and eateth ___ of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"
3. *2 Timothy 3:4-5* "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of _____ more than lovers of ___; Having a ___ of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."
4. *Matthew 23:23* "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay _____ of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and ___ to leave the other undone."
5. *1 Corinthians 9:13-14* "Do ye not know that they which _____ about holy things _____ of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which _____ the gospel should _____ of the gospel."
6. *Malachi 3:8-10* "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In _____ and _____. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and _____ me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a _____, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

7. *2 Corinthians 9:6-10* "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him ____; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a _____ giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all _____ in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)"

8. *Hebrews 7:1-4* "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; To whom also Abraham gave a _____ part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is King of peace; 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."

9. *Leviticus 27:30* "And all the _____ of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is _____ unto the Lord."

10. *Galatians 3:29* "And if ye be _____, then are ye _____ seed, and _____ according to the promise."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That means for the _____ of evangelical work among men should be contributed from _____ to God and love of souls, not _____ by church lotteries, or occasions designed to contribute to the fun-loving, appetite-indulging propensities of the sinner, such as fairs, festivals, oyster suppers, tea, broom, donkey and crazy socials, etc. which are a _____ to the professed church of Christ; that the proportion of one's income required in former dispensation can be __ less under the gospel; that it is the same _____ (whose children we are, if we are Christ's) paid to Melchisedec (type of Christ) when he gave him a _____ of all; the tithe is the Lord's; and this tenth of one's income is also to be supplemented by _____ from those who are able, for the support of the gospel.

disgrace | raised | support | no | Abraham | love | tenth | offerings

Closing prayer: Almighty Father, all we have has been provided by Thee. We want to follow Your perfect plan of returning a tenth of our increase to support the gospel workers. Guide in our offerings as well that we might be used of You. Give us the faith to act upon Your direction; that You will open your storehouse of blessing to us in good measure in accordance with our needs. Thank You for all You provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

Further study: Deuteronomy 25:4; 1 Corinthians 9:9

Answers: 1. Labourer, worthy 2. forbear, planteth, not 3. pleasures, God, form 4. tithe, not 5. minister, live, preach, live 6. tithes, offerings, prove, blessing 7. give, cheerful, sufficiency 8. tenth 9. tithe, holy 10. Christ's, Abraham's, heirs