



Discipleship Training Program

Christianity 101 – Lesson Nine

Tithing

Memory Text

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.”*

What Does The New Testament Say About Finances?

- A. The **Gospels** contain more warning against money and its misuse than any other subject.
- B. One in every **four** verses in Matthew, Mark, and Luke deals with money.
- C. One in every **six** verses in the New Testament as a whole deals with or makes reference to money in some way.
- D. Almost half of the **parables** of Jesus have reference to money in one way or another, particularly warnings against covetousness.
- E. The first apostle to fall was **Judas**. It was because of love of money: he sold Christ for money that he never lived to spend!
 - a. **John 12:48** *“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”*
 - b. **John 13:27** *“And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.”*
 - c. **Acts 1:25** *“That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.”*
 - d. **Matthew 26:14-16** *“¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.”*
 - e. **Matthew 27:3-10** *“³Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. ⁵And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. ⁶And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. ⁷And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. ⁸Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; ¹⁰And gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord appointed me.”*

- F. The first sin in the early church concerned the giving of money to the Lord. Note how Satan entered into the scene of the glory of the early church through money, when the spirit of giving was on the people.
- a. **Acts 5:1-10** *"¹But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, ²And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ⁴Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. ⁵And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. ⁶And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. ⁷And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. ⁸And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. ⁹Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. ¹⁰Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband."*
- G. The sin of "Simony" concerns money and seeking to buy the gifts of God with it.
- a. **Acts 8:14-24** *"¹⁴Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) ¹⁷Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. ¹⁸And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. ²⁰But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. ²¹Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. ²²Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. ²³For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. ²⁴Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me."*
- H. It is worth noting that two of the New Testament works whose Greek numerical value equals 666, the number of the world system, are wealth and tradition.
- a. **Revelation 13:16-18** (The power to buy or sell is connected with it.) *"¹⁶And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."*

What Warning Does The New Testament Give About Money?

I Timothy 6:7-10 *"⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. ⁹But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*

Money is not evil in itself; money is neither moral nor immoral. It is the LOVE of money which is the root of all evil.

What Does The Bible Teach About Tithes & Offerings?

- A. We are to bring our tithes and offerings to God's storehouse
- a. **Malachi 3:7-12** *"⁷Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring 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. ¹¹And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹²And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts."*
- B. The storehouse is that place where the people of God are fed.

Is Tithing For Today?

Yes. The Old and New Testaments confirm the truth that believers are to give to tithe (one tenth) of their income.

- A. Tithing before the law
- a. Abraham (Covenant man).
- i. **Genesis 14:18-20** *"¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. ¹⁹And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: ²⁰And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."*
- b. Jacob (Covenant man)
- i. **Genesis 28:22** *"And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."*
- B. Tithing under the law

a. Israel, Mosaic Covenant

- i. **Leviticus 27:30-33** ³⁰And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD. ³¹And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. ³²And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. ³³He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed."
- ii. **Numbers 18:20-24** ²⁰And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. ²¹And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²²Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. ²³But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. ²⁴But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance."
- iii. **Numbers 18:25-32** ²⁵And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²⁶Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe. ²⁷And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress. ²⁸Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest. ²⁹Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it. ³⁰Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress. ³¹And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation. ³²And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die."

C. Tithing under Grace

- a. Jesus confirmed tithing.
- b. Tithing was not of the Law, but BEFORE the law.
 - i. **Matthew 23:23** "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe 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 not to leave the other undone."

- ii. **Luke 11:42** *"But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."*
- iii. **Luke 18:12** *"I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."*
- iv. **Hebrews 7:1-21** *"¹For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; ²To 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; ³Without 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. ⁴Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. ⁵And 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: ⁶But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. ⁷And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. ⁸And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. ⁹And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. ¹⁰For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. ¹¹If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? ¹²For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. ¹³For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. ¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, ¹⁶Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. ¹⁷For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. ¹⁸For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. ¹⁹For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. ²⁰And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: ²¹(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)*

- D. If a person does not pay tithes and offerings he is robbing God. The tithe is not yours to give; it already belongs to God. If a person pays tithes only and no offerings, he is not giving anything to God. God is saying "prove me now."

- a. **Malachi 3:8-10** ⁸*Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring 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."*

What Are Some Principles Of Giving?

- A. Give **ourselves** to the Lord first.
- a. **II Corinthians 8:5** *"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."*
- B. Give **willingly**
- a. **II Corinthians 8:3, 12** *"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."*
- C. Give **cheerfully** (hilariously)
- a. **II Corinthians 9:7** *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*
- D. Give **generously**, liberally
- a. **II Corinthians 8:2** *"How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."*
- b. **II Corinthians 9:13** *"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;"*
- E. Give **proportionately**
- a. **II Corinthians 9:6** *"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."*
- b. **II Corinthians 8:14-15** ¹⁴*"But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: ¹⁵As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack."*
- F. Give **regularly**
- a. **I Corinthians 16:1-2** ¹*"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. ²Upon 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."*
- G. Give **systematically**
- a. **II Corinthians 9:7** *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*
- H. Give **lovingly**
- a. **II Corinthians 8:24** *"Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf."*
- I. Give **thankfully**

- a. **II Corinthians 9:11-12** *"¹¹Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;"*
- J. Give as a **ministry** to the Lord and His saints
- a. **II Corinthians 9:12-13** *"¹²For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; ¹³Whiles 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;"*

A LEGAL giver gives because he **has** to
 A LOVING give gives because he **loves** to

The Sting Of Interest



A Snake Bite	Usury (Interest)
1. The snake is a hidden danger to the unsuspecting.	1. The final cost of interest is usually not comprehended by the borrower.
2. Getting close to a snake will usually result in being bitten.	2. Those who profit from interest makes it easy for people to borrow money.
3. A snake usually strikes before its victim is aware of its presence.	3. Interest usually brings financial bondage before a borrower realizes what has taken place.
4. The realization of a snake bite results in anxiety and fear.	4. Compounded interest causes the borrower to develop anxiety and fearfulness.
5. The venom of the snake can produce alarming symptoms.	5. The result of interest can produce alarming mental problems in the life of a borrower.
6. The ultimate result of a poisonous snake bite is the physical death of the victim.	6. The ultimate consequence for a borrower is the inability to repay the high interest loan and the loss of his property.

What Do You Know About Tithing?

Personal Evaluation

1. When a person gives a percentage of his income to the Lord, he is tithing. T F	11. If we are given a designated gift, we do not need to tithe on it. T F
2. The practice of tithing is part of the Old Testament law and is not New Testament doctrine. T F	12. We should tithe on our gross income rather than just our net income. T F
3. The primary purpose of the tithe is to support the ministries of the local church. T F	13. If we inherit money that was earned by selling liquor, cigarettes, pornography, illicit drugs, or other harmful items, we should still tithe on it. T F
4. The tithe should be given only to the local church, not to other Christian ministries. T F	14. A person who lives on social security or unemployment compensation does not need to tithe. T F
5. The tithe should be paid weekly, regardless of when you receive your paycheck. T F	15. The tithe can be used to pay your child's tuition if he is attending a church school. T F
6. Tithing only applies to the money that we earn. T F	16. If we fail to tithe, we will simply miss out on the eternal rewards which we could have had. T F
7. If we owe people money we should pay them back first before we tithe. T F	17. An older child should be given money to

8. A wife should tithe even if her husband does not want her to. T F	put in the offering in order to teach him to tithe. T F
9. A husband should not tithe if his wife is against it.	18. If we increase our tithe to twenty per cent, we can expect god in increase His blessings in proportion.
10. If a person has not tithed for several years, he still owes God the amount that he should have tithed. T F	

Factors Of Financial Freedom

Financial Freedom

A. **Luke 6:38** ³⁸*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*"

1. **Giving**
2. **Receiving**
3. **Managing**