

Giving as a *act of* WORSHIP

- **Gen 14:18-22** “God Most High” “Possessor of H. & E.”
- **Gen 28:20-22** “the LORD will be my God”
- **Ex 25; 35** “the LORD’s contribution”
- **Num 18** “My offerings” ... given “to the LORD”
- **1Ch 29** “not for man, but for the LORD God”
- **Mal 3; 1:6,8** “where is My honor ... My respect?”
- **2Co 8:1-5** “first gave themselves to the Lord”
- **Php 4:15-18** “sacrifice, well-pleasing to God”

“Tithe”

10 x amount you give = *your income* if tithe

▶ See chart on giving percentages

Tithing BEFORE the Law of Moses

- **Gen 14:20** - *Abraham* (spoils of war ... 4 kings)
- **Gen 28:22** - *Jacob* (**30:43; 32:5; 13-19a...33:14!**)

Tithing under the Law of Moses

- **Num 18:24,26,28,29** - “offering to the LORD”
- **Num 18:8-32** - support Levites priests **2Ch 31:4;**
Neh 13:10-12
- **Lev 27:30-33** - Land; animals
- **ALSO ...**
 - Offerings for sin, praise, thanksgiving, **Lev 1-6**
 - Firstfruits, **Num 18:12**
 - Firstborn, **Num 18:15**
- **1Sam 8:15f; Mal 3:8f; Mt 23:23** - even under taxation
- **Mal 3:8f** - failure ... “rob God”

Tithing under the New Covenant

- **1Co 16:2** “*as he may prosper*”
- **2Co 9:6** “*bountifully*” (“*Lit., with blessings*” NASB footnote)
- **2Co 9:7** “*as he has purposed*”
- **2Co 9:7** *with a “cheerful” heart*
- **Ac 5:1 ff** *honor system*

Tithing and Our Offerings

- **2Co 9:7** - “purpose”
- “Tithing” - value to us?
 - *What godly men of the past gave (Abraham, Jacob)*
 - *What God required under the Law*
 - *Greater covenant*
 - *Similar purpose **1Co 9:14***
 - *Richly blessed*
 - *Compare... (see chart on percentages)*

Giving reflects our attitude ...

- God's people ...
 - **2Co 8:4,24; 9:13** *needy saints*
 - **Php 4:10; 3Jn 5,6a** *preachers of the Word*
- God's work **Php 1:3-5; 4:15; 3Jn 6b,8**
- God! **2Co 8:5; 3Jn 7; Php 4:18**

Q: When taxes increase, bills mount, go on vacation, why is our offerings the first thing thing to reduce, quit, or skip?? --- Love, trust, devotion to God?!

2Co 8:9; 9:15 !