

How Much Money Should I Be Giving to the Church

"Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life."

~1 Timothy 6: 17-19

Tithing - giving ten percent to the church and to the poor

Although a sensitive issue in our modern world, tithing actually dates back to 1300 B.C. The commandment of tithing was given by God to Moses so that the Levite priests and their mission work would be supported. Tithing is a responsibility of all Christians and should be taken very seriously.

While there are legitimate exceptions to tithing, those who have the ability should make their best effort to tithe. When considering tithing, ask the Holy Spirit for the strength and guidance to be open to His message and the courage to do God's will.

"All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the field or in fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him. These are the commandments which the Lord gave to Moses on Mount Sinai for the Israelites."

~Leviticus 27: 30 and 34

The Old Testament and Tithing

- **Genesis 14:20** Abraham gives Melchizedek a tithe of spoils from his victory.
- **Genesis 28: 20-22** In his covenant with God, Jacob vows to give Him a tithe from the Promised Land.
- **Numbers 18: 21** The tithe is dedicated to the Levites for the work in the tabernacle.
- **Deuteronomy 12: 5-11** God gives instructions on what to do with a tithe.
- **Deuteronomy 14: 22-29** God gives instructions on how to disperse and exchange the tithe.
- **Deuteronomy 26: 12-15** God gives Israel instruction on how to sanctify the tithe.
- **2 Chronicles 31: 5-12** Israel brings the tithe to the designated place.
- **Nehemiah 10: 37-38** Israel obeys God and brings the tithes to the storehouse.
- **Nehemiah 12:44** Officers were appointed to watch over the tithes in the storehouse.
- **Nehemiah 13: 5-12** Nehemiah restores order with the tithes.
- **Amos 4:4** God commands Israel to bring back the tithe.
- **Malachi 3: 8-10** Israel is reprimanded by God for not delivering the tithe.