

Giving

1. GOD COMMANDED THE TITHE FROM ISRAEL. Tithing was commanded during the Age of Israel, which ended at Pentecost. It was a tax required of all who lived in the nation. It was *never an offering* in the spiritual sense of something you give of your own free will to show your love for God. It was required of all persons living in Israel, even if a person was not a Jew. The Old Testament makes a distinction between tithes and offerings.

Gen 14:20

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. (KJV)

Lev 27:30-32

30 And 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. (KJV)

31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. (KJV)

32 And 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. (KJV)

Num 18:21,24,26,28

21 And, 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. (KJV)

24 But 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. (KJV)

26 Thus 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. (KJV)

28 Thus 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. (KJV)

Deut 12:6,11,17

6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: (KJV)

11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: (KJV)

17 Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand: (KJV)

Deut 14:23,28

23 *And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy 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 the LORD thy God always. (KJV)*

28 *At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: (KJV)*

Deut 26:12

When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; (KJV)

2 Chr 31:5,6,12

5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and of all the increase of the fields; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

6 And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps.

12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next. (KJV)

Neh 10:37-38

37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. (KJV)

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. (KJV)

Neh 12:44

And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited. (KJV)

Neh 13:5,12

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests. (KJV)

12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. (KJV)

Ezek 45:11,14

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer. (KJV)

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is an homer of ten baths; for ten baths are an homer: (KJV)

Amos 4:4

Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: (KJV)

Mal 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.

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. (KJV)

Matt 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. (KJV)

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. (KJV)

Luke 18:12

I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. (KJV)

Heb 7:5

And 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: (KJV)

Heb 7:6

But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. (KJV)

Heb 7:9

And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. (KJV)

2. THE CHURCH WAS NEVER COMMANDED TO TITHE. The Church Age began at Pentecost. After that time, the Bible never again commands tithing. All ritual commanded of Israel is ended.

Heb 7:11

If 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? (KJV)

3. SPIRITUAL GIVING by the Church is taught by the apostle Paul.

- a. Giving is a matter of God's grace, not His command. (2 Cor. 8:1,6-7,9; 2 Cor. 9:8,14)
- b. Giving is a privilege which originates in the heart of the Christian believer. It is a right mental attitude. (2 Cor. 8:4; 2 Cor. 9:7)
- c. Giving should not occur reluctantly or under compulsion. (2 Cor. 9:7)
- d. Giving should be done willingly and cheerfully. (2 Cor. 9:7)
- e. The willingness to give is itself acceptable to God, even if the believer has no gift to give. (2 Cor. 8:12)
- f. Giving should not result in a hardship to the believer. (2 Cor. 8:13) Rather, it should reflect the believer's prosperity or level of income. (1 Cor. 16:2)
- g. The Church must make every effort to properly administer offerings. (2 Cor. 18-21)
- h. The pastor or evangelist shares doctrine to supply the believers' needs, and the believers share financial prosperity to supply the material needs of the pastor or evangelist. The goal is equality in supplying needs. (2 Cor. 8:13-15)
- i. Giving is not a matter of commandment, but is a test of the believers' love. (2 Cor. 8:8-9)
- j. Giving should reflect the believers' mental attitude of generosity. (2 Cor. 9:6-7)
- k. God supplies what you have, so giving should reflect what He has supplied to you. (2 Cor. 9:8-11)
- l. The ultimate reason for giving is so that God is glorified. (2 Cor. 9:11-15)
- m. The believer's attitude in giving should reflect contentment with what he has, and should be free from the love of money. (1 Tim. 6:6-11; Heb. 13:5)
- n. Ministers of the gospel have a right to be supported by the gifts of believers. (1 Cor. 9:14)
- o. Ministers are commanded to offer the gospel free of charge. (1 Cor. 9:18)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ABOUT GIVING:

2 Cor. 8:1-24

1 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, (NIV)

4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. (NIV)

6 So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. (NIV)

7 But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us-- see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. (NIV)

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (NIV)

10 And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. (NIV)

11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. (NIV)

12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. (NIV)

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. (NIV)

14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, (NIV)

15 as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little." (NIV)

16 I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. (NIV)

17 For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. (NIV)

18 And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. (NIV)

19 What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. (NIV)

20 We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. (NIV)

21 For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.

22 In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you. (NIV)

23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. (NIV)

24 Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it. (NIV)

2 Cor. 9:1-15

1 There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints. (NIV)

2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. (NIV)

3 But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. (NIV)

4 For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we--not to say anything about you-- would be ashamed of having been so confident. (NIV)

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (NIV)

7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (NIV)

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (NIV)

9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." (NIV)

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. (NIV)

11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (NIV)

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. (NIV)

13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. (NIV)

14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. (NIV)

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (NIV)

1 Cor 16:2

Upon 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. (KJV)

2 Sam 8:2

David also defeated the Moabites. He made them lie down on the ground and measured them off with a length of cord. Every two lengths of them were put to death, and the third length was allowed to live. So the Moabites became subject to David and brought tribute. (NIV)

Dan 2:48

Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. (NIV)

Rev 11:10

The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. (NIV)

Esth 9:22

as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor. (NIV)

Matt 7:11

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (NIV)

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (NIV)

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (NIV)

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

Eph 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Matt 6:11

Give us today our daily bread. (NIV)

Eccl 3:13

That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-- this is the gift of God. (NIV)

Eccl 5:19

Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work-- this is a gift of God. (NIV)

Deut 8:18

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (NIV)

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Acts 5:32

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

1 Cor 12:4

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. (NIV)

2 Cor 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (NIV)

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)

Luke 6:30

Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. (NIV)

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (NIV)

2 Cor 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (NIV)

Rom 12:6

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. (NIV)

Rom. 12:8

if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (NIV)

1 Tim 6:6-11

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. (NIV)

Heb 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (NIV)

1 Cor. 9:10-19

10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest.

11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?

12 If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?

14 In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

15 But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me. I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of this boast.

16 Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

17 If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me.

18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it.

19 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

Gen 14:17-20

17 After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High,

19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (NIV)

Heb 7:1-10

1 This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,

2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace."

3 *Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.*

4 *Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!*

5 *Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people--that is, their brothers--even though their brothers are descended from Abraham.*

6 *This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.*

7 *And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater.*

8 *In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living.*

9 *One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham,*

10 *because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor. (NIV)*

Gen 28:22

and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth." (NIV)

Lev 27:30-32

30 *"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.*

31 *If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth of the value to it.*

32 *The entire tithe of the herd and flock-- every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod--will be holy to the LORD. (NIV)*

Num 18:21-32

21 *"I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the Tent of Meeting.*

22 *From now on the Israelites must not go near the Tent of Meeting, or they will bear the consequences of their sin and will die.*

23 *It is the Levites who are to do the work at the Tent of Meeting and bear the responsibility for offenses against it. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. They will receive no inheritance among the Israelites.*

24 *Instead, I give to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes that the Israelites present as an offering to the LORD. That is why I said concerning them: 'They will have no inheritance among the Israelites.'"*

25 *The LORD said to Moses,*

26 *"Speak to the Levites and say to them: 'When you receive from the Israelites the tithe I give you as your inheritance, you must present a tenth of that tithe as the LORD's offering.*

27 *Your offering will be reckoned to you as grain from the threshing floor or juice from the winepress.*

28 *In this way you also will present an offering to the LORD from all the tithes you receive from the Israelites. From*

these tithes you must give the LORD's portion to Aaron the priest.

29 You must present as the LORD's portion the best and holiest part of everything given to you.'

30 "Say to the Levites: 'When you present the best part, it will be reckoned to you as the product of the threshing floor or the winepress.

31 You and your households may eat the rest of it anywhere, for it is your wages for your work at the Tent of Meeting.

32 By presenting the best part of it you will not be guilty in this matter; then you will not defile the holy offerings of the Israelites, and you will not die.'" (NIV)

Deut 12:5-7

5 But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;

6 there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

7 There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you. (NIV)

Deut 12:11-12

11 Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name-- there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.

12 And there rejoice before the LORD your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns, who have no allotment or inheritance of their own. (NIV)

Deut 12:17-18

17 You must not eat in your own towns the tithe of your grain and new wine and oil, or the firstborn of your herds and flocks, or whatever you have vowed to give, or your freewill offerings or special gifts.

18 Instead, you are to eat them in the presence of the LORD your God at the place the LORD your God will choose--you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns-- and you are to rejoice before the LORD your God in everything you put your hand to. (NIV)

2 Chr 31:6

The men of Israel and Judah who lived in the towns of Judah also brought a tithe of their herds and flocks and a tithe of the holy things dedicated to the LORD their God, and they piled them in heaps. (NIV)

Deut 26:12-15

12 When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

13 Then say to the LORD your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them.

14 I have not eaten any of the sacred portion while I was in mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean,

nor have I offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the LORD my God; I have done everything you commanded me.

15 Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our forefathers, a land flowing with milk and honey." (NIV)

Deut 12:7

There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you. (NIV)

Deut 12:12

And there rejoice before the LORD your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns, who have no allotment or inheritance of their own. (NIV)

Ezek 44:29-30

29 They will eat the grain offerings, the sin offerings and the guilt offerings; and everything in Israel devoted to the LORD will belong to them.

30 The best of all the firstfruits and of all your special gifts will belong to the priests. You are to give them the first portion of your ground meal so that a blessing may rest on your household. (NIV)

Mal 3:8-12

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings.

9 You are under a curse-- the whole nation of you-- because you are robbing me.

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty.

12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty. (NIV)

Deut 26:12-13

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13 Then say to the LORD your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them. (NIV)

Matt 23:23

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law-- justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. (NIV)

Luke 11:42

"Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you

neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone. (NIV)

Luke 18:12

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' (NIV)

Heb 7:5-6

5 Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people--that is, their brothers--even though their brothers are descended from Abraham.

6 This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. (NIV)

Heb 7:8-9

8 In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living.

9 One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, (NIV)

Rom 14:12

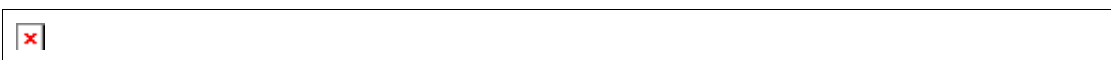
So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (NIV)

1 Cor 16:1-3

1 Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.

2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

3 Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. (NIV)



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