

THE TITHING BIBLE STUDY

1. Tithing is a concept from the Bible regarding the giving of money and belongings, to the Lord. First we will consider what the Bible says about Tithing.
 - a. Genesis 14:18-20 is the first recorded instance in the Bible of tithing. In this passage, Abram (later Abraham) just came back from a successful military effort to recover his property. The Priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek, came out to meet Abram. What did the priest do when he met Abram? _____
What did Abram give the priest? _____
Why do you think Abram gave this to the priest? _____
 - b. According to Leviticus 27:30-33 from what items should someone tithe to the Lord? _____
What would that translate into in today's possessions? _____
What was not allowed regarding substituting something that would be given to the Lord? _____
 - c. According to Proverbs 3:9-10 with what should we honor the Lord? _____

Firstfruits is the first portion of what we earn. When should we take out the tithe to the Lord and give it, when we are first paid or at the end, when all the bills are paid? _____
What is the promise that God makes if we honor him with our firstfruits? _____
 - d. According to Matthew 23:23 Jesus was telling the Pharisees about what was important. What were they already doing? _____
What did they need to do in addition to this? _____

Could they disregard either of these things and still be in a right condition before God? _____
2. Now we need to consider where the tithe should be given.
 - a. According to Genesis 28:20-22 where did Jacob say he would give the tithe? _____
 - b. According to Malachi 3:10 where should we bring the entire tithe that belongs to the Lord? _____
Where would this be for people today? _____
3. Not only is it important to give a tithe of all you have to the Lord, it is also important to have the right heart attitude about it.
 - a. According to 1 Chronicles 29:9 why were the people rejoicing? _____

What was the attitude of the leaders that were giving to the Lord? _____

- b. According to 2 Corinthians 8:12 what needs to be present in order for a gift for the Lord to be acceptable? _____.
- c. According to 2 Corinthians 9:7 what is the wrong attitude about giving to the Lord? _____.
- What is the right attitude about giving to the Lord? _____.
- What does the Lord think of those who give with a right attitude? _____.
- _____.
- How do we need to think of what we have if we are going to give to the Lord with a right attitude? _____.
- _____.
- According to Psalm 24:1 who's money is it that we are giving? _____.

- 4. It is important to consider the ramifications if we decide not to tithe.
 - a. According to Malachi 3:6-10 what does God say we are doing to him if we refuse to tithe? _____.
 - b. According to Malachi 3:9 what are people under if they refuse to tithe? _____.
 - _____.
 - c. According to Deuteronomy 28:15-21 list six of the things that could happen to someone when they are under the curse from the Lord? _____.
 - _____.
 - _____.
 - _____.

- 5. What does the Lord promise to those who do follow his commands regarding tithing?
 - a. According to Proverbs 11:24 what happens to the person who gives freely? _____.
 - b. According to Malachi 3:10 what does the Lord promise to do for those who are faithful to tithe to him? _____.
 - _____.

- 6. A tithe is the first ten percent of whatever a person earns that he is to give back to the Lord. In addition to the tithe, there are offerings that are gifts beyond the tithe. While tithes are to be given to the local church, offerings can be given to individuals or other entities as well as the church.
 - a. According to 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 what was one way of saving for an offering to be given to people in need? _____.
 - _____.

- 7. Now consider your own financial condition.
 - a. Have you been faithful in giving to the Lord the tithe that he requires? ____.
 - What consequences have you experienced if you were not faithful? _____.
 - _____.
 - What are some blessing you have experienced if you have been faithful to give the tithe to the Lord? _____.
 - _____.

b. What will you change about your tithing habits? _____.