

# Grace-Giving: Generosity and Gratitude

## 2. The Mosaic Law

- **The first tithe supported the bureaucracy of the theocracy.**
- **“To the sons of Levi, ... for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting” (Num. 18:21–23).**

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- **A second tithe provided for a national celebration of the grace and generosity of God (Deut. 14:22–24).**

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- **Each third year another 10 percent was to be given for use in supporting “the Levite, ... the alien, the orphan and the widow” (Deut. 14:28–29).**

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- **“Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine” (Prov. 3:9–10).**

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- **Moses raised money through a free-will offering: “Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution” (Ex. 25:1–2; cf. 35:5, 21).**

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- **Other passages: Lev 22:28–23; 23:38; 27:30; 27:30–31; Num. 15:3; Deut 12:6; Ezra 1:4; 3:5**

**4. The national bank for storing the tithes was in the house of God, simply referred to as the house.**



**Malachi 3:8, “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.**

**Malachi 3:9, “You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation.”**

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אֵיצָר ‘*otzar*’ This is one of nine Hebrew words for “treasure”, used of either the treasure in king’s house or in the temple or one’s private possessions. There are nine references to the treasury in the temple of the Lord.

**5. God chastised the nation for failing to fulfill their Mosaic Law responsibilities by bringing their tithes to the storehouse. (Mal. 3:8, 10)**

**6. In the Church Age we are no longer under the Mosaic Law. Christ was the end of the Law, Rom 10:4**

**The Old Covenant has been superseded or replaced by the New Covenant (Heb. 8:13**

**When He said, “a New Covenant,” He made the first obsolete.**

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- a. **Giving, even under the Mosaic Law was not part of means of spiritual growth. It is the outworking of genuine grace-orientation and gratitude in the soul for all God has provided.**

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- b. Grace does not mean you don't have an obligation or responsibility to give, but that it is up to your volition.**



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c. **Grace doesn't mean it's free.**

# Tithing in the New Testament

**1. Tithing is mentioned in the gospels only in reference to the legalistic practice of the Pharisees.**

**Joshua 6:19, “But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.”**

**1 Kings 7:51, “So all the work that King Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and the furnishings. He put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.”**

**1 Kings 14:26, “And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king’s house; he took away everything. He also took away all the gold shields which Solomon had made.”**

**2. Our Lord taught that giving was to be a private matter, between the believer and God.**

**Matthew 6:2, “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”**



**Matthew 6:3, “But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,**

**Matthew 6:4, “that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”**

**Luke 21:2, “And He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.”**

**Luke 21:3, “So He said, ‘Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;**

**Luke 21:4, “‘for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had’.”**