

Summit Woods Baptist Church
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

Giving in the Old Testament

❖ Day 1

This week we'll be launching from our previous study of 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 to the survey what the Old Testament teaches about giving and tithing. Next week we'll survey what the New Testament teaches about giving/tithing.

1. Why does it matter what the Old Testament says about giving/tithing?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the word "tithing"?
3. Biblically, what's the difference between "tithing" and "giving"?
4. Read Gen 14:17-20 and 28:18-22. What precedent do the patriarchs in these two passages set? Why is the timing important for us?

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5. In what NT passage is Gen 14:17-20 referenced? What point is the author of Hebrews making in that section and how does that impact our perspective concerning tithing?

6. Read Leviticus 27:30-33. What law is God establishing?

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7. Read Numbers 18:21-29 and Deuteronomy 26:12. What were they to do with the tithe? Why is this significant?

8. Read Deuteronomy 12:5-19; 14:22-29. What role was tithing to play in the life of the Israelites? Why is this significant?

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9. Read Nehemiah 10:28-39; 12:44; 13:4-14. What situations are described by these passages? What is significant about this narrative? Describe Nehemiah's fervency concerning the tithe.

10. Read Malachi 3:6-12. For what does God rebuke his people here? What does God call their failure to tithe? What are the consequences of their lack of giving? What does God promise if they give?

11. Why did God command tithing? What remains the same? What has changed since God made these requirements?

12. Do you think we're supposed to tithe? Why or why not?

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13. Read Exod 25:1-2; 35:4-8, 20-29; 36:5-7. What scenario is described by these passages? How did the people of Israel give? What motivated them to give? How much did they give?

14. Read Deut 16:17. How were the people of Israel supposed to give? Recall 1 Cor 16:2, "...put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper..." How are we supposed to give?

15. Read Prov 3:9-10; 11:24-25. What do these verses say will happen for the person who gives?

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16. What is the picture painted by the OT concerning giving?

17. What would be the precedent expected NT believers based on what we see in the OT?

18. How are we to view the possessions we have?

19. What does God promise those who give? How is this different than what the prosperity gospel teaches?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that our church would be encouraged to continue to faithfully give as we grow in our understanding of what Scripture says about giving. Pray that hearts would be stirred to be more faithful to give. Pray for Pastor Bret to have wisdom in preaching on this difficult topic.