

Money: Tithing

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Our Series: Money

- **Our topics so far**
 - Money is meant to be a blessing, but can be dangerous
 - Everything we have belongs to God
 - Our budget is one of the clearest indicators on how we are currently doing in our Faith
- **Money says ... but God says ...**
- **Work**



Today's Focus

- **Managing money**
 - Tithing
 - Saving
 - Managing the rest



Reminder

- **Everything belongs to God**
 - Not only the tithe
- **We are managers of God's money**
 - We are not owners of money
 - We have to give an account to God on “what we did with God's money”



God's Instruction

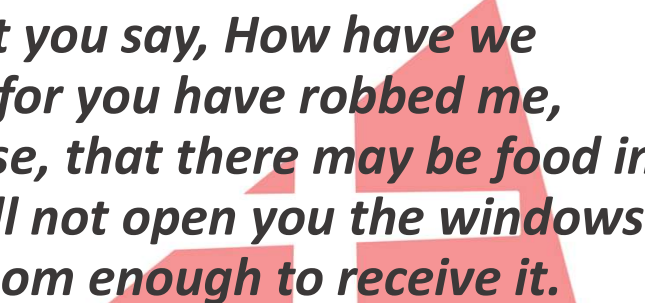
- Give the tithe of everything you get



In the OT

Deuteronomy 14:22 You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year.

Malachi 3:8-10 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, How have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this, says 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.



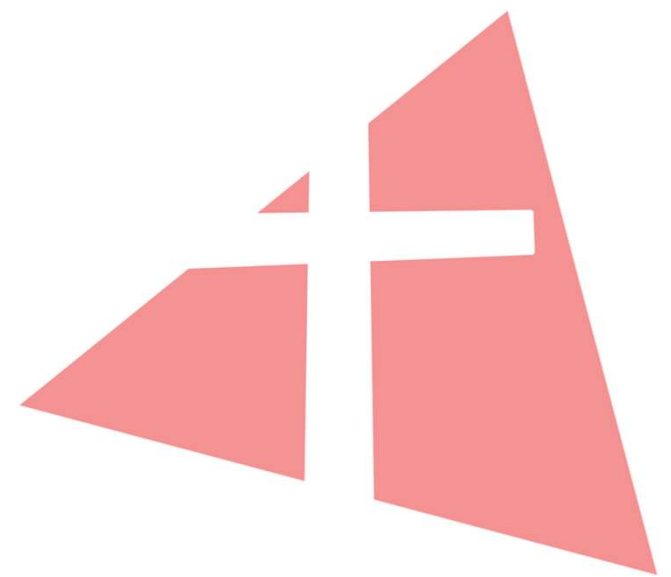
In the OT

2 Chronicles 31:4-5 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD. And as soon as the commandment was spread abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.



In the NT

- **Jesus raised the bar on everything**



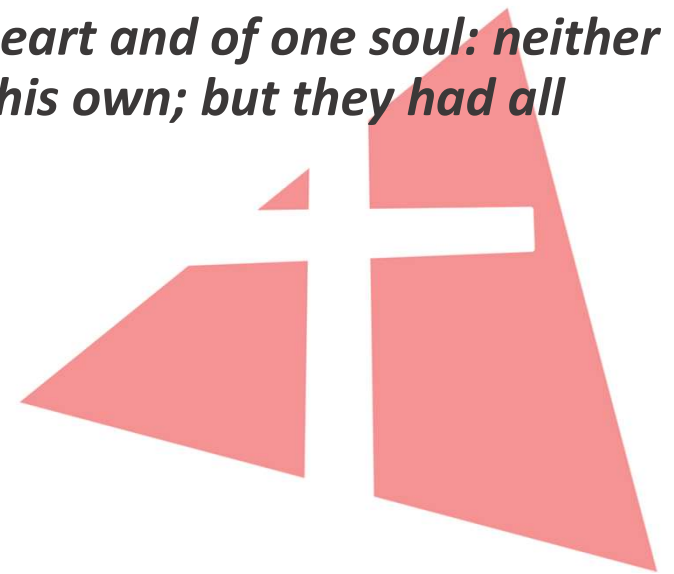
In the NT

Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone.



In the NT

Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.



Which part to give?

- The first fruits

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase: So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine.



Gross or net?

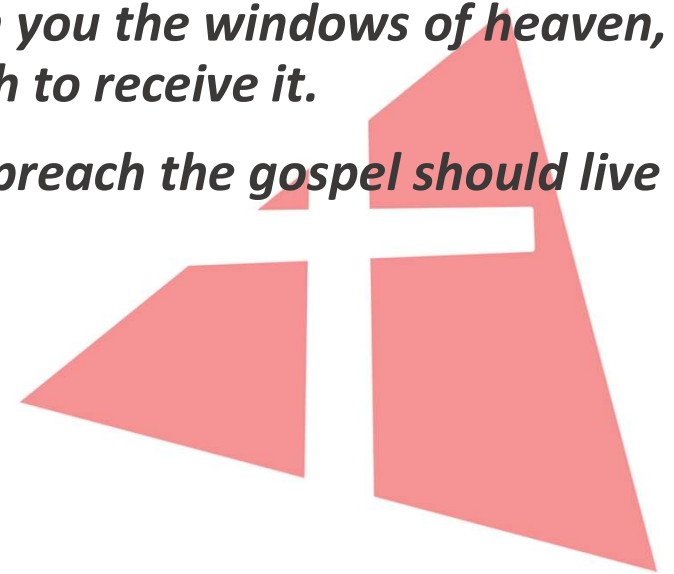
- **10% of all our income**
 - We still receive the benefits of the money, even if it doesn't arrive on our bank account



Who to give to?

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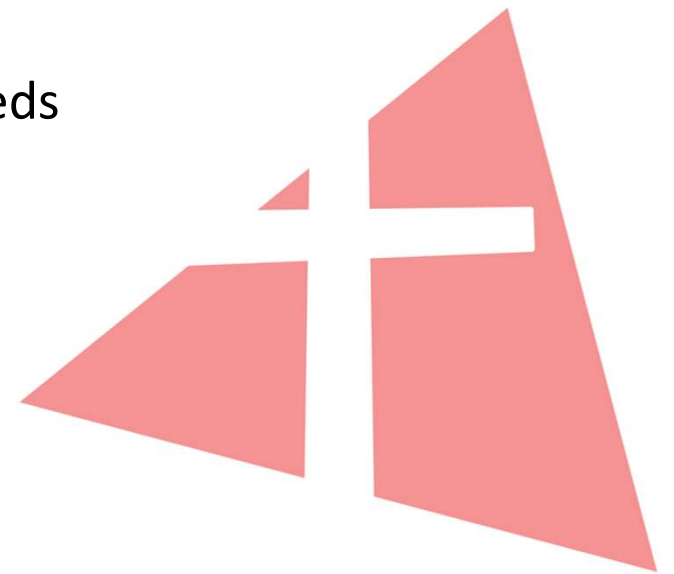
1 Corinthians 9:14 Even so has the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.



God's Promises

- **If we do our part, God will do His part**

- When we tithe, God will bless us and take care of all our needs
- When we don't tithe, we're on our own



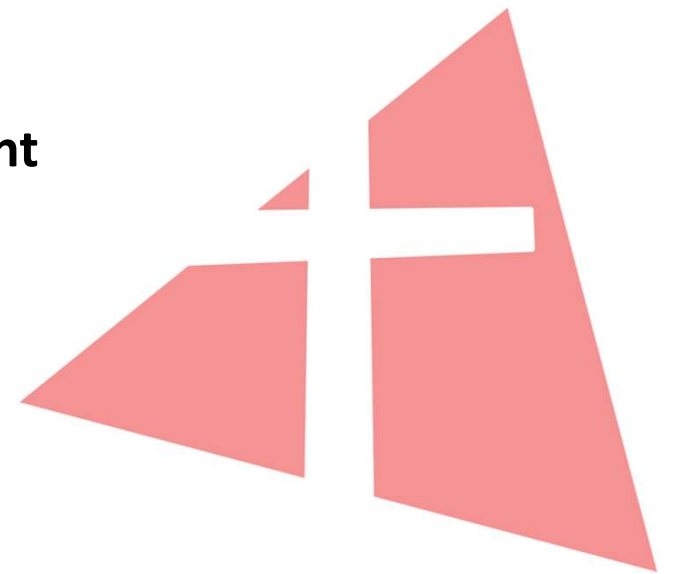
Truth and Lie

- **Money says: You can't afford to tithe**
- **God says: You can't afford to NOT tithe!**



Why am I giving this message?

- If I was after money, I would not work for Aletheia
- Fact is: Not everybody here is obedient to God's commandment



Tithing and Faith

- **“Show me your budget, and I tell you how you are currently doing with God”**
 - The person who tithes faithfully puts God over money
 - The person who doesn't tithe puts money over God

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



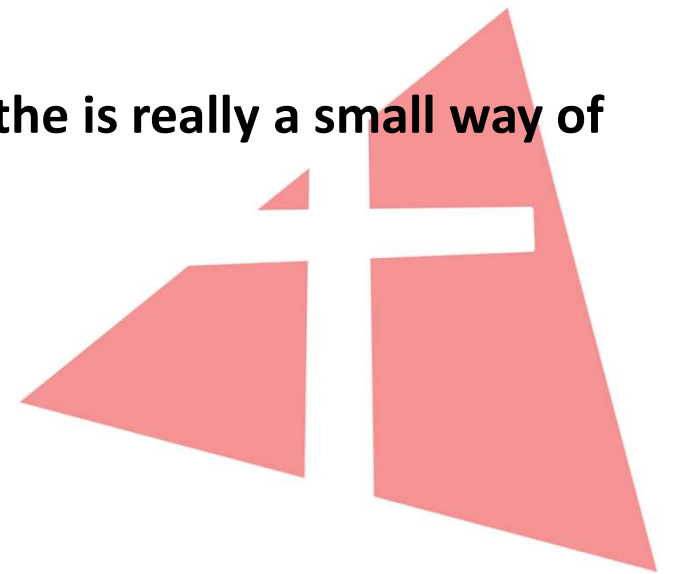
What treasure are we working for?

Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



In Conclusion

- **God gave us much more than the tithe**
- **In light of what God has given to and done for us, giving the tithe is really a small way of expressing our gratitude and trust in God**





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