

Gospel Meeting

Hear the Word of God
proclaimed by Ross Conley
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October 24-27

“Thy Servant Is Listening”

Thursday (7:00 pm)
Are You Listening?

Friday (7:00 pm)
Take Heed What You Hear

Saturday (7:00 pm)
Take Heed How You Hear

Sunday (9:30 am)
Understand What You Hear

Sunday (10:30 am)
Believing What You Hear

Sunday (6:00 pm)
Being Not A Hearer Only

Sentence Sermons

- Righteousness and self-control are the rails that keep one's character on track.
- It is not enough to be busy; we must be busy doing the Lord's business.
- Our daily bread is incomplete without the Bread of Life.
- Men and women who move the world are men and women whom the world cannot move.
- Be like a window and let the light shine in.

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Wednesday: 7 pm

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Tithing: Is It For Christians Today?

Many denominations practice and encourage tithing: Baptists, Mormons, Adventists, United Methodists, Presbyterians (USA), Pentecostals, Worldwide Church of God, etc. Many world religions practice tithing: Islam, Bahai, Hinduism, Sikhism, etc. So, I raise the question: Is tithing for Christians today? Is it required of God for Christians to tithe?

Tithing in the Old Testament

Tithing, or giving a tenth, was found among the Old Testament Patriarchs (Genesis 14:20; 28:22). Tithing was a law of Moses to the Jews (Leviticus 27:30-33; Numbers 18:21,24-28; Deuteronomy 12:6-7,11; 14:22,23,28; 26:12; 27:30-34). Tithing that was neglected was rebuked and restored during Old Testament times (2 Chronicles 31:12; Neh. 10:37-38; 12:44; 13:5,12; Amos 4:4; Mal. 3:9-10).

Is Old Testament Tithing Really Practiced Today?

In the Old Testament, tithing (some of the tithes, not all), offered in the form of money was not 10%, but 12% (Leviticus 27:31). Are denominational leaders requiring 10% or 12%? Tithing had to be done by the Levites;

a tithe of the tithe (Num. 18:25-32). Are denominational leaders giving 10% to someone else of all tithes they receive? Tithing every third year was to be given to the sojourner, not just the Levite (Deuteronomy 14:29; 26:12). Are denominational leaders requiring 10% to be given to those outside their denomination every three years? Tithing (in addition to the annual sacrifices and other acts of giving like gleaning) was done three times, not just once: 1) a general tithe of all (Numbers



18:20-28); 2) a tithe eaten at the tabernacle (Deuteronomy 12:5-18; 14:22-27); and 3) a tithe every three years given to the poor and sojourner (Deuteronomy 14:28-29). Are denominational leaders requiring three tithes, or just one?

Tithing Is No Longer Required Under the Law of Christ

Giving a tenth to the Lord is certainly

permissible, but it is not required, because the Old Law that required it has been done away in Christ (Ephesians 2:14; Colossians 2:14). The Old Law is not our system of justification or judgment today (Galatians 5:4; Colossians 2:16). We are under the Law of Christ today (1 Corinthians 9:21; Galatians 6:1; James 1:25), not the Old Law (Hebrews 8:8-9; 10:9).

Giving in the New Testament

In the New Testament, giving is regulated by one's individual ability, not by a pre-determined amount for all (Acts 11:29). Giving is regulated by the proportion of one's prosperity, not by the percentage (1 Corinthians 16:2). Giving comes from a free-will, liberal (generous) offering to the Lord, as one purposes in his heart, not from a set amount (2 Corinthians 8:5,8,12; 9:6-9).

Yes, Jesus commended tithing (Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42). Yes, the righteous Jews practiced tithing (Luke 18:12). Yes, Hebrews mentions tithing (Hebrews 7:2-9). However, these examples of tithing come from persons living under the Old Law. Where is the example of NT Christians tithing? Where is the NT command to Christians to tithe? - Chris Reeves