

TITHES & OFFERINGS

TITHE = means a tenth

1. First mention *Genesis 14:17-20* Abraham gives 10% to Melchizedek
 - a. Began before the law
 - b. Is part of the life of faith *Rom 4:16-22*
2. Commanded by the Law *Lev 27:30, Dt 14:22*
3. Failing to tithe closes the heavens in your life *Mal 3:8-10*
4. Jesus confirms tithing *Lk 11:42, Mt 23:23*

OFFERINGS

1. The **principles** of giving are seen in these references:
 - Give ourselves to the Lord first: *II Corinthians 8:5*
 - Give willingly: *II Corinthians 8:3, 12). Also Exodus 25:2; I Chronicles 29:9*
 - Give hilariously, cheerfully: *II Corinthians 9:7*
 - Give generously, liberally: *II Corinthians 8:2; 9:13* Also *James 1:5*
 - Give proportionately: *II Corinthians 9:6; 8:14-16*
 - Give regularly: *I Corinthians 16:1-2*
 - Give systematically: *II Corinthians 9:7*
 - Give lovingly: *II Corinthians 8:24*
 - Give thankfully: *II Corinthians 8:24*
 - Give as a ministry to the Lord and His saints: *II Corinthians 9:11, 12, 13*
 - Give according to ability: *Deut. 16:17; Ezra 2:69; Acts 11:29; II Corinthians 8:12*
 - Give as sowing the seed of faith: *Galatians 6:7; Proverbs 11:24; Jeremiah 48:10*
 - Give with simplicity: *Romans 12:8*
 - Give freely, as you have received: *Matthew 10:8*
 - Give as unto the Lord, not unto man: *Matthew 6:3, 33*
2. **Offerings** at Church Upon the Rock
 - Missions
 - Guest Speakers
 - Benevolence
 - Building Fund
 - Fund Raisers

STEWARDSHIP

1. God is owner, possessor, giver and rewarder of all. *Ps 50:7-12*
2. Man is a steward of his possessions
 - a. Parable of talents: *Mt 25:14-30* He expects us to use what He gives us.
 - b. Parable of *minas*: *Lk 19:14-27* Each man was given one mina
3. We are to use His gifts as good stewards of His possessions: *I Pt 4:10*
4. Jesus challenges us to faithful stewardship: *Lk 16:1-13*
 - a. We are to be good stewards of His money
 - b. God gives us a little with which to be faithful
 - c. He will give you greater gifts as you use your money faithfully
 - d. You can't serve God and mammon