

Should A Christian Pay Tithes?

MALACHI 3:8-10

8. *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?*

In tithes and offerings.

9. *Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*

10. *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith 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.*

LET US SEE GOD [59-1129]

But, you know, I feel like this, that a member of a church, their first obligation is with their tithe and offerings, is to support their church.

If you're members of these fine churches that's represented here, you support your church. That's your first duty to God. "*Bring your tithe and offerings into the storehouse.*" And the storehouse, you surely know what that is; it's where you get your food. So there's where you get your spiritual food, and your obligation is to your church and not to an evangelist like me.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT2 [64-0823E]

Q307. *Should a person pay tithes to an individual, or should a Christian work?*

Sure he should. He's the one man that will work, is a Christian.

"*Pay tithes to an individual?*" It depends on who the individual is.

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Really, where you owe tithings is where you get your food. "*Bring ye all your tithings into My storehouse, saith the Lord. (That right?) And prove Me wherein saith God, that if I'll not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that you would not have room enough to receive it.*" I challenge any man or woman that's not a tithe payer to accept that.

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRIT [60-0308]

Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithe, and somewhere that you help support the cause. Take your choice, but then don't never disfellowship the other man because he don't belong with your group.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-1015M]

Q161. *Would it be wrong to use tithes on church building funds?*

Well now, here--here's a touchy little thing for the church now. **No, correctly, tithes is to go to the minister.** That's right. In the Bible they had a box they'd set at the door in the Old Testament when the--building. This box was a fund where the people put in there for the repairing...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-1015M]

...all the tithings went to their priests, their pastors. Yes, tithings are to go for nothing else. I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That's wrong. If you've got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don't give her God's money. **That's not yours in the first place. That's God's.**

NUMBERS 18:26

26. *Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even **a tenth part of the tithe.***

NEHEMIAH 10:38

38. *And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up **the tithe of the tithes** unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.*

DEUTERONOMY 14:28b

28b. *...thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine **increase**...*

II CHRONICLES 31:5

5. *And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of **all the increase** of the field; and **the tithe of all things** brought they in abundantly.*

GOD BEING MISUNDERSTOOD [61-0723E]

Q146. Brother Branham, **don't you feel that everyone who claims to be a Christian should pay tithes**, pay their tithes into the storehouse of the Lord? Please give Scripture to this question.

All right, if you will... **That is right**, that the Bible said in Malachi the 4th chapter, "Will a man rob God? And you say, 'Where have we robbed Thee?' In tithe and offerings. Bring all your tithe and offerings into My storehouse and prove Me," saith the Lord, "if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there'll not be room enough to receive."

That's a challenge to any individual. And if I only had the time, and would not get to this little Scripture that I wish to get to in about the next ten minutes, I would like to give you a personal testimony of how that I was even hungry, and my mother and them hungry, and my daddy sick, but I took my tithes out first and give it to God, and you ought to see what happened. I have never seen in my life, that any man or a woman, that if you only make one dollar a week, will bring the ten cents of that money and put it into your storehouse, your church where you come, **if God don't bless that, call me a hypocrite.** Yes, sir. **That's a challenge to anybody.** And every Christian... That goes to this other question. **Every Christian should pay tithes.** That's right. It should be done.

MARK 12:41-44

41. *And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.*

42. *And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.*

43. *And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:*

44. *For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*

SPEAK TO THIS MOUNTAIN [59-1123]

And now, what would you have done if you'd have stood there? You'd see that little widow put them three pennies in, you'd run, say, 'Oh no, sister, don't do that, don't do that, because we got plenty in here; we don't need that.' But Jesus never told her not to do it. He let her go ahead and do it. Because **He knewed He had something for her down the road** (See?), little something better.

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD [50-0822]

And the Lord appeared to Brother Sharrit one night in a dream. He said to him, *"Take your silverware and your clothes and your wife, and leave your home, and turn that over to this Brother Sutton."*

A TOTAL DELIVERANCE [59-0712]

Brother Fred Sothmann setting there. He manages the campaign for me when I was in Canada. And another precious brother who is also formerly a Canadian, which was a businessman, and **can prove to the world that you can't out-give God.**

A TOTAL DELIVERANCE [59-0712]

Brother Fred and I tried that for some money that Brother Fred had that I would not take as an individual. So then we decided we would give it to the Canadian people and

not even take up an offering, but it didn't go so good. The meetings were fine, but because we didn't take up an offering... I don't care if the church is worth a hundred billion dollars, **you still owe it to God to take up an offering. That's part of the worship.** And you rob that... As much as I've been against money and things like that, I find out when a man's wrong you might as well admit you're wrong, 'cause Brother Fred and I seen it pan out not so good.

A MAN RUNNING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD [65-0217]

I do think that **we have to pass the offering plate, in--in order to make it a complete religious service.**

And so they probably will pass a little offering plate each night, say something like, "Well, we're take up the offering now." And they'll pass the offering plate, and that'll--that'll be the end of it.

PSALM 126:5-6

5. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

II CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

*6. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for **God loveth a cheerful giver.***

MARK 9:41-42

41. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

42. And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

MATTHEW 25:34-40

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36.

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.