

The Definition...

Tithing is the voluntary giving of a tenth of one's income.

Lev 27:30-32 "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the **LORD; it is holy to the LORD.** If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth of the value to it. The entire tithe of the herd and flock—every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod—**will be holy to the LORD.**" (NIV)

Abraham and Jacob Gave Tithe

Abraham paid tithe to Melchizedek (the high priest of God) Gen 14:20.

Also Jacob in Gen 28:20-22, vowed a vow to give unto God, a tenth of all that God would give unto him.

Jesus Address The Tenth In New Testament

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill, cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." Matthew 23:23 (NIV)

*** Jesus is making the point to those who knew the law in his day, that not only, does the tithe belong to the Lord but that we should also be examples having justice, mercy and faithfulness in our life***

The Great Commission

Jesus, upon his departure, commanded us "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20

*** The Church as well as individuals have been commissioned to go beyond our community and reach out across the world sharing the message of Christ.***

By coming together as a collective body of believers, we can work toward the great commission through fasting, prayer and our giving.

Three Tithes In The Old Testament

The tithe for the priestly tribe of Levi.

Lev 27:30-32, Num 18:20-28 ...for their service which they serve... the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. Num 18:21

The festive tithe. Deut 14:22-27. Which is consumed by the people at a location chosen by God referred to as The Feast Of The Tabernacles.

The tithe to support those in need. Deut 14:28-29, the stranger, the fatherless, the widow shall come...shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all thy work of thine hand which thou doest.

New Testament Direction

Compensation For The Ministry

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor (compensation), especially those who work in the preaching and teaching. For the scripture says, do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain, and the worker deserves his wages." 1 Timothy 5:17-18 (NIV)

Instructions For Benevolence Ministry

Scripture states in James 1:27 "Pure religion undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction (distress)..."

" Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17

Jesus gives examples in testing our service to him.

"... I was hungry, you gave me something to eat... I was thirsty, you gave me drink... I was a stranger and you invited me in... I needed clothes, you clothed me... I was sick and you looked after me... I was in prison and you visited me." Matt 25:35-40(NIV)

Financial Obligations Of CrossWins Church

Giving supports the ministries operating out of our local and national bodies. We are enthusiastically investing in our youth and teens. General upkeep and maintenance of main auditorium, youth center and grounds (which include utilities, cleaning and paper supplies needed for daily and weekly operations of CrossWins Church). We also have a mortgage, salaries and office expenses. CrossWins is actively pursuing to be a church that ministries flow out into the communities that surrounds us.

These are all made possible by our faithfulness in tithing and giving.