

## Why Is Tithing In The Bible So Offensive?



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Tithing is one of those practices that offend people just like fasting, as soon as you start talking about giving up money or food for the good of the kingdom of God, people always get offended.

Some churches don't believe in tithing others do, then they argue about how to use tithes.

And when they don't accept tithes they have to pass the collection plate around extra times each service for freewill offerings or find other ways to pay bills.

Because like it or not churches need money to run just like everything else.

God is not a tyrant if you don't want to tithe because you don't believe in it, then don't.

But quit telling people they're wasting their money when everyone should test and see for themselves.

I have both blessed, and been blessed because of tithing, and no one can convince me otherwise.

Everything in the word of God is faith-based it's not designed to work if you don't believe it anyway.

I can tell you that prayer doesn't work but if you've prayed and it worked for you, you'll see that I don't know what I'm talking about.

You can't pick which things you think are relevant in the Bible just because you don't have enough faith to do it or don't have patience enough to try it and mainly because of your worldly obligations and fears.

You can quote every old testament verse on tithing that you want but the only verses you really need are Jesus' two references and approval of tithing in the new testament.

First when He rebuked the pharisees for neglecting more important things that please God.

Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

And second when he told the parable about being humble in prayer.

Luke 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Now show me where it says tithing is no longer accepted after Jesus died on the cross.

Ask Joyce Meyer, Charles Stanley or Creflo Dollar does tithing work or is it relevant today, then ask random members of their churches and I guarantee you they could tell you stories about tithing that'll blow your mind.

Has it ever occurred to you that tithing is a healthy discipline much like fasting where it requires you to put some thought effort and consideration into how you live your life and spend your money to please God.

And much like fasting you have to work your way into doing it, and then doing it consistently.

For most people the offense comes because they might have to give up a little entertainment, their cable and cell phone bills would probably cover it.

It's not your responsibility to care how the money is being used unless you're the pastor, so stop getting offended, it's no secret that God allows for human error, your tithing agreement is between you and God.

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