



Scriptures and Doctrine :: question about tithing

question about tithing - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/11/26 8:15

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Re: question about tithing - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2008/11/26 8:20

The Scriptures that come to mind are Acts 2 regarding the members of the church sharing with others members.

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It does not appear that there was a weekly "offering" in the early churches for some general purposes ultimately unknown to the members.

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I submit this is unwise, and could have been avoided by "splitting" the church into geographical house churches led by small groups of sound men in the church. Then, perhaps the large group could rent a location once a month (or two) and come together for fellowship, etc.

If we consider that the early church met in homes, and that elders who labored in teaching the Scriptures could have been provided for by food, shelter, etc. rather than cash, it really seems there would have been no need for a weekly "offering".

Regarding your original question, I think we should support the church we attend. However, perhaps it would be wise to respectfully ask the elders if maintaining a building is the wisest use of our money and perhaps suggest other more Biblical models.

Grace to you,
Taylor

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/11/26 10:45

When revival broke out at times square church the collection buckets were jam packed to overflowing with one dollar bills.

Dave told me personally he paid for the theater (church) in a matter of months.

I believe it was 6 mil.

Churches that break out in revival don't have offering issues. The new dilemma comes as where to distribute all the money.

Wigglesworth said "any church not spending more than 50 % on missions is very suspicious"

People should give just for the church utilities, bills, and salaries.

I like the wigglesworth philosophy

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/11/26 10:55

TaylorOtwell wrote:

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Bravo. Could not have said it any better. :-)

Re: - posted by fuehrerbe21 (), on: 2008/11/26 11:03

In 1 Corinthians 16, Paul told the church at Corinth, as well as Galatia, to set something aside the first day of the week as each man could, so that there would be no need to collect when he came.

In Acts 6, 7 were chosen among the many to serve the widows in their needs, since they had been neglected. This is where the concept of a deacon comes from (for most churches). There were men appointed to take care of the physical needs of the church/community.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15 is a large section of scripture that talks about giving. Paul instructs the church to do a variety of things in this passage. They are to: Give cheerfully, give according to their means, give out of poverty, give first to God then the saints, and give what we have committed to doing. If you have committed to giving to your church, you should finish that commitment.

Galatians 6:6 says, "One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches." If your church has, what Paul West called, a one-pastor-monarchy, then he has committed to spending his time on studying the Word of God and teaching it to you (and the rest of the community). Since he is not able to work a trade and provide for himself and/or family, it is the church's responsibility to help him (even though I would argue against a one-pastor-monarchy).

I would question the traditional view of missions, thus bringing into question of giving 50% of what we have to missions. I would say we are called as Christians to give all we have for the purposes of the church.

just my 2 cents.

Re: question about tithing - posted by Lysa (), on: 2008/11/26 11:07

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Here are several discussions about tithing... as you can see it is a HOT topic!!

But it boils down to "What is the Scripture and God convicting YOU to do?"

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id20662&forum35) Tithing-In the New Testament Church

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id25710&forum35) 10%, 100%, or nothing?

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id24590&forum36) Test Me in This!

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id17468&forum36) is tithing for today?

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id15855&forum36) The Tithe - the shadow of things to come