

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 6/22/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Psalm 50:1-15](#)

TITLE: “DOES GOD WANT ME TO TITHE?”

INTRO:

1. The principle of God’s ownership over all _____.
2. Consistent message from Genesis through Revelation, “Give back to God”!
3. Malachi 3 _____ a percentage.
4. What happens if we abuse our freedoms?
5. Insure the _____ of your freedoms by obeying God...

PROPOSITION: Acknowledge God’s principles of financial giving and obey them!

I. THE HISTORY OF GIVING.

A. Universal Principles Behind Giving.

1. Giving is rooted in two beliefs:
 - a. A Higher Power _____ the Universe
 - b. That Higher Power is pleased if we give.
2. Basic motives for giving-bribe, obligation, _____, care for others/evangelism, or _____ spiritual expression.
3. What about ancient secular practice?

B. Biblical Precepts For Giving/What is a precept?

1. Abraham tithed, [Genesis 14:18-20](#).
2. Jacob tithed, [Genesis 28:18-22](#).
3. The Old Testament economy...
4. Tithe mandatory/offerings encouraged.

5. The _____ of [Malachi 3:6-12!](#)

II. BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS ON GIVING/Give Yourself And Give Of Your Substance!

A. The Standard Of Christ.

1. The New Testament does not _____ God's plan of giving.
2. Jesus approved the practice of tithing, [Matthew 23:23-25](#); [Luke 11:37-44](#).
3. Jesus' earthly parents tithed.
4. Christ raised standards of holy living-[Matthew 5:17-48](#).

B. The Stipulations Of Christ.

1. A right life precedes giving-[Matthew 5:23, 24](#).
2. Heart motive _____/give in love-[Mark 12:41-44](#).
3. Honor your parents/take care of family-[Mark 7:9-13](#).

C. The Submission Of The Apostles, [Acts. 4:32-37](#).

1. This is not a sanction of communism.
2. Apostles and early Christians gave themselves, then their _____, [II Corinthians 8:1-9](#).
3. The Corinthians and Philippians were commended for obedience in giving, [II Corinthians 9:1, 2](#) & [Philippians 4:10](#).

D. The Steadfast Obedience Expected Of Believers Today, [II Corinthians 9:6-8](#).

E. The Success Of God's Work.

1. We won't _____ God if our hearts are wrong.
2. Giving must be a _____ in the believer's life!

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you a believer?
2. Are you a tither?
3. What is keeping you away from God?