



Do we Tithe on our Gross or Net Income

The questions I said I would try to answer in this series:

- a. God wants us to have money / financial resources - has he provided ways for us to get it?**
- b. Is Tithing one of these ways?**

c. What is Tithing, Offerings, and Alms?

d. Is Tithing in the New Testament?

e. Do we give because of the O.T. Law?

f. Are we under a curse if we don't Tithe?

g. How do I get enough money so I can afford to do this?

h. Why should we give?

i. Why does God want us to tithe?

j. Should we expect to receive from our giving?

k. Giving is part of being a Disciple.

l. Do I give on my gross or net income?

m. Do I tithe on my benefits at work?

n. What do we need to watch out for?

o. Does God actually need my money?

Do I Give on my Gross Income or my Net Income?

**A. You will need to figure that out.
I'll show you what the Scripture
says.....**

Abraham Tithed on the Gross.

Genesis 14:20 (NKJV)

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him a tithe of all.

Genesis 14:21-24 (NKJV)

21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself. 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich

24 except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Explanation in the Law.

Leviticus 27:30-33 (NKJV)

30 And all the tithe (10th) of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD. 31 If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth (20% of the original tithe amount) to it. 32 And concerning the tithe (10%) of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

33 He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

> This is the Gross Income

Deuteronomy 14:22 (KJV)

22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Deuteronomy 14:28 (KJV)

28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

> This is the Gross, not Net.

- Remember the word "Increase".

Deuteronomy 26:12 (KJV)

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

Remember: they had 3 Tithes.

- 1st one: Went to the Temple / Levites / Priests**
- 2nd one: Paid the people's expenses for the pilgrimages.**
- 3rd one: Went for the Poor in the land.**

New Testament Agrees.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (KJV)

2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

(G2137) - "Prospered"

"from a compound of 2095 and 3598; to help on the road, i.e. (passively) succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs:--(have a) prosper(-ous journey)."

> That also is indicating our Gross income.

"Tithing" is giving 1/10th of your income.

- What is considered 'my income'?

Leviticus 27:32

- KJV, NIV, AMP > Every "Tenth" animal that passes under the rod.

Deuteronomy 14:22, 28; 26:12

- KJV > "Tithe all the Increase"
 - NIV > "A Tenth of all that your fields Produce"
 - AMP > "Tithe all the Yield of your seed Produced by your field each year"
- > "All the tithe of your Increase"

**This is Farmer / Rancher language.
(Business Owner). But it applies to the Wage
Earner / Employee as well.**

- 1. As a Farmer / Rancher:**
 - a. Every "10th animal" would be the
Gross Income.
(No expenses have been taken out)**

- b. "Increase" can speak of either Gross
or Net Income - depending upon your
perspective.....**
- c. "Produce & Yield" are speaking of the
Gross or Net - depending upon your
perspective.....**

Apply first to the Wage Earner. (Not a Business Person)

- 1. Everything you get paid, including your Benefits:**
 - a. "Increases" you somehow.**
 - b. "Produces" in your life.**
 - c. "Yields" something that helps you.**
- 2. I say God views the hourly or salary wage earner as Tithing on everything - Gross Wages & Benefits.**
 - a. Key question to help determine: Who controls or Owns it? (Ultimately: God owns it, but.....)**
 - b. Who controls your Income?**
 - c. Even your withheld taxes, insurances, benefits: - Who is considered the beneficiary by your company?**
 - d. If we control it (Own it), it's prosperity is ours.**

Remember the 3 Words:

- "Increase"
- "Produce"
- "Yield"

**For the business person, self-employed,
company owner / Corporation.**

- **Remember these 3 Words:**
 - "Increase"
 - "Produce"
 - "Yield"

The difference with a Self-Employed, owner of a company, etc. - is how you look at those 3 words.....

- Do you see them personally, or as the company?**

If you are Self-Employed (Sole Proprietor)

- a. Who controls / Owns your business?
(We know ultimately - God owns everything) (for sake of earthly clarity..... Who Owns it?)**
- b. That means that everything in your possession is Increasing, Producing, or Yielding for you - somehow.**

- c. Most small businesses - typically 'Sole-Proprietor / Self-Employed'.
(One person owns or controls it)
- d. Which means everything that "Increases, Produces, Yields" is doing it for your benefit.
 - It's Prospering You.

If you're in a publicly owned corporation, now a group of people 'Own / Control' the business.

- a. For you personally > consider yourself an employee of the corporation, and Tithe on what you personally receive from the Corporation.

If your business is a Closed Corporation, and the few that own it are christians / family, etc.

b. Consider having the Corporation Tithe annually on how it has "Increased, Produced, Yielded".

Someone will say: We shouldn't have to Tithe on the income that is used for expenses. It's not doing anything for us.

#1 - That concept of Tithing is wrong.

- You DON'T HAVE TO Tithe at all. (Not under Law)**
- What are the 4 reasons for Tithing?**

#2 - Do your Expenses "Increase, Produce, or Yield" anything for you?

Luke 16:13 (NIV)

13 No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Luke 16:13 (AMP)

13 No servant is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely).

**Here's the difference between 'Abounding'
and living 'Abased'.**

- 1. When you have resources, the decision can be made on whether God is asking you to do something or not - It is not made on the basis of Money.**

- 2. When you don't have resources, the decision is often made on the basis of money / can we afford it, not on whether God is asking you to do something or not.**

Which person is serving Money, and which one is serving God? (You can't serve both)

Living 'Abased' for a while is where we truly decide who we're going to serve - Money or God.

- It's where we learn to live by Faith.

SERVING GOD NO MATTER WHAT is learned in seasons of life when you don't have the money, but God tells you to do something, so you find a way to do it anyway.

The biggest lesson I've seen that needs to be learned in the Abounding season of life is:

> Get out of your sense and reasoning, and learn to follow the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 (AMP)

6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].

Scripture indicates that Tithing is to be done on our Gross Income.

Possible Exceptions: Corporation Situations. (Public Corporation, or Closed Corporation)

YOU will need to come to the conclusion of what you are going to do. (Tithe, Give Offerings, Net, Gross, Extravagant, etc.)

Is it a heaven or hell issue??

a. We're not under Law, so..... I would say no.

b. But it is a Love Issue.

> What do we Love more: What God is asking of us, or our Money?

Luke 16:10-15 (NIV)

10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

3) Two Questions:

What is "True Riches"?

Who Owns the Earth? So everything we are managing or stewarding here is God's. (Correct??)

- a. His point is that if we can't handle worldly wealth correctly, (Includes Money & Tithing) we are disqualifying ourselves for God's True Riches.
- b. So what are True Riches?

13 No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. 14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15 He said to them, You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.