

How Much Money Should We Give
God?

The Love of Money

- I Timothy 6:10—money is not the danger in itself. Rather our attitude about money is the issue.
- I Timothy 3:3, 8, Titus 1:7, 11—talks about filthy lucre.
- Acts 19:24-27—rather than abandoning the truth for monetary gain and making money our God we should be using our money to promote the truth.
- Our money should be focused where our affections are focused.
 - I Timothy 6:17-18
 - Colossians 3:1-2

Giving Under the Law

- Amount: The amount of money Israel was supposed to give was determined by when they lived during the kingdom program.
- Under the Law Israel had specific instructions about how much money they needed to give God
 - Deuteronomy 14:2, 22
 - Leviticus 27:30, 32
 - Numbers 18:21, 23-24
 - Deuteronomy 14:28
 - Deuteronomy 14:27
 - Deuteronomy 14:22-23

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- So we see right off the bat that all of the ministries that talk about tithing a 10th of your income are not even following the giving outlined in the law.
- 20 % every year
- 30 % every third year
- Average of 23 and 1/3 percent every year.
- There were other required offerings and free will offerings that could be added to these totals.

Giving Under the Law

- During the gospels when the Kingdom of Heaven was announced as being at hand Israel instructions regarding giving changed.
 - Matthew 19:21-22
 - Luke 12:32-33
 - Matthew 19:27-29
 - Acts 2:44-45
 - Acts 4:34-35
- Motivation: fear was Israel's motivation for giving.
 - Malachi 3:8-10
 - Luke 6:38
 - Acts 5:11

Giving Under Grace

- Motivation: giving like all obedience under grace is not motivated by fear but by love.
 - II Corinthians 5:14—the love of Christ ought to be our motivator
 - Ephesians 1:3—we have already been blessed richly in Jesus Christ with all spiritual blessings.
- Our giving is no longer a way to prove God it has now become a way for God to prove us.
- II Corinthians 8:8—show me where a person spends his time and money I will tell you what they love. What are we more concerned with the work of the ministry and investing in eternal spiritual things or temporary corruptible things.

Giving Under Grace

- Our attitude about giving in the Dispensation of Grace is to be that we are giving out of a heart of love and gratitude for what God has already done. Our giving is not to be motivated by fear of judgment or by trying to gain additional blessings from God.
- Amount: under grace we are not instructed to give a percent.
 - II Corinthians 9:6-7—our giving is to be planned out and prayerfully considered. Not what you just happen to have in your wallet.
- You should give God as much as you can and still be cheerful about doing it.
- Always keeping in mind that if we invest in spiritual things we will reap eternal spiritual rewards. Corruptible things will only melt with fervent heat.