

There's a lot of talk about money in the Bible, and you may wonder, "What does all that mean?!" While we can't completely answer that here, we do want to share with you a bit about giving at Calvary.

You may have heard the word "tithe" before and wondered about it. Quite simply, tithe means "one-tenth part." Under the Law of Moses in the Old Testament, the Israelites were required to give three different tithes to support the various needs of the Temple ministry. On top this were the voluntary freewill offerings given out of their own will and desire above and beyond their normal tithes. When it comes to the New Testament teaching on giving, we must realize that the Mosaic Law no longer binds us, and that we are under a new covenant. The apostle Paul writes "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So, let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

When we put it all together, it comes down to this: God does a great work in all of us and through all of us. It is His desire that we generously give to others as He has given to us. We believe the Old Testament tithing system set a standard for giving, and under the grace of the New Testament we are called as a community to practice generosity because our faith is made stronger through giving and receiving together. We rejoice in the satisfaction that comes in following Jesus' example of generosity toward those most in need and the privilege of using resources to continue telling God's story and to help bring measurable change in the world.

Ultimately, we believe giving should be an act of worship and thankfulness, a balance between joy and sacrifice, an act of obedience and faith. We understand the reality that when you give to Calvary, you are trusting us to steward those gifts well, and we commit to you that we are doing just that. We are excited about the opportunity for you to partner with us in this way and believe God will bless this offering of your resources.

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