



## Part 3

# “The Story of Tithing”

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# Tithing Questions:

- Is tithing biblical?
- Isn't tithing an Old Testament concept and not for today?
- Wasn't the Old Testament tithe about giving the first crop of the year and not money?
- Does the tithe mean 10 percent?
- Can I give to other organizations and not just the church?
- Do I tithe on my net income or my gross?
- Do I give before the bills are paid or after?



# Three Tithing Positions:

1. Every Christian should give 10%, and that's it.
2. Tithing is legalistic and is a serious corruption in the church.
3. Tithing is the starting point of Christian responsibility and not a maximum.



# GOALS for this series:

- I want us to be **educated on money matters**
- I want I want us to **understand and experience the connection between faith & money.**
- I want us to be people who are **stewards of God's wealth.**
- I want us to be on a **journey of generosity, not guilty giving.**
- I want us to see the. **freedom of a transformed generous faithful servant.**



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# Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’



# Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

<sup>14</sup> “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



# Luke 18:18-30 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>19</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>21</sup> “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.



# Luke 18:18-30 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”





# Luke 18:18-30 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” <sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” <sup>29</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”



# Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

<sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.



# Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”



# Where are we & what can we learn?

## The Pharisee and a Tax Collector

The Pharisee	The Tax Collector
"confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else" (v. 9)	regarded with contempt (v. 9, 11)
"one a Pharisee" (v. 10)	"the other a Tax Collector" (v. 10)
"stood by himself" (v. 11)	"stood at a distance" (v. 13)
thanks God for his state of righteousness (v. 11-12)	addressed God in humility as a sinner with a request for reconciliation (v. 13)
returned home without justification (v. 14)	returned home justified (v. 14)
"those who exalt themselves will be humbled" (v. 14)	"those who humble themselves will be exalted." (v. 14)

# Where are we & what can we learn?

## The Rich Ruler

- Obeys all the rules and laws
- Won't give up his money because he loves it
- It's possible to overcome with God's help



# Where are we & what can we learn?

## The Transformed Tax Collector (Zacchaeus)

- Very rich
- Transformed by Jesus
- Gives generously
- Heart finds salvation



# Three Tithing Positions:

1. 10% only (The Pharisee)
2. No tithing at all (The Rich Ruler)
3. 10% is just the beginning (Zacchaeus)





What is your  
position on tithing?  
Is it biblical?

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