

## Today's Study: Is it true that tithing is not required today?

**Going Deeper:** questions for discussion with family, friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

### Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- Read Matt 19:21. Based on this verse, what do you think Jesus might say to people who are not willing to at least tithe?
- Read 1 Cor 16:1,2: Can you identify three actions for giving in the church from these verses?
- Read 2 Cor 8:1-15: Verse 3 says that they gave beyond their ability? What does that mean? What would giving according to your ability honestly look like? If you were to develop practices of giving based on these verses alone what changes would it cause you to make in your giving? What do you think the "grace of giving" (v 7) would look like in your life?
- Read Matthew 23:23. From this text, does Jesus eliminate tithing, applaud tithing, or require tithing? What then should our response to Jesus regarding tithing be? Would you say that tithing is a goal or a starting point?
- How much is giving connected to discipleship and obedience in the Bible?
- Should our giving to God's work be a private matter? Why or why not? Can you support your answer from the Bible?

## Resource for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

### Introductory Study:

#### Books:

- *The Treasure Principle*, Randy Alcorn, 2001 (in our Church library)

#### Video series:

"Balanced", Andy Stanley (in our Church library)

#### Websites:

- <http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/bakers-evangelical-dictionary/tithe-tithing.html>
- <http://www.crosswalk.com/church/pastors-or-leadership/tithing-is-biblical-11570583.html>

### Advanced Study:

#### Books:

- *Perspectives on Tithing: Four Views*, David A. Croteau, 2011

#### Websites:

- <http://www.soundofgrace.com/piper82/012482m.htm>
- <http://www.biblicalfoundations.org/pdf/pdfarticles/bbrtithing1.pdf>, <http://www.biblicalfoundations.org/pdf/pdfarticles/bbrtithing2.pdf>

### Prayer Items:

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