

**What is Truth? John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth.”**

Please get your Bibles and follow this study! **Tithing...has it ever been authorized by Jesus Christ, through his Apostles, to be observed by Christians?**

Dear reader, it is again a privilege and I hope, a blessing, to be able to share some scriptural truths with you. Let us now get to this month's study, “**Tithing**”. In the religious world today, we believe there are many things taught and practiced that are not authorized by Jesus Christ through his Apostles. We believe that tithing is one of them. The Apostle Paul wrote to The Church in Thessalonica, to “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” (**1Thes.5:21**). All things must be proven [to test, try, examine, to approve and to allow] by Christ, by those proclaiming to be Christians. After proving it, if it is good according to Christ and or his Apostles, keep it, teach it, practice it. God left instructions on how to be right [righteous] with Him, that all must hear his only begotten Son, and Him only (**Matt.17:1-8; 1John-4:9**). We must remember that Jesus, as he prayed to his Father in heaven, also left instructions on how to believe on him and that is through the Apostle's words (**John 17:20** “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”)

We find no command, custom nor instructions on tithing, given by the apostles; given to the Church that Christ is building. We do find the customs, commands and instructions of tithing given to those that were under the Old Law. These instructions were given by God through Moses, for The Law was given by Moses (**John 1:17**). As you read, you will see these were specific instructions, specific commands given to a specific People. When the people of God, **under Moses**, obeyed the commandment of tithing, this made them right [righteous] with God. When reading, carefully note the definitions and also note to whom and by whom this was given. Note the precise instructions of tithing, given to those under The Old Law.

**Definition:(#1)-Tithe-** (4643) ma` aser -a tenth part b) a tithe, a payment of a tenth part

**Lev 27:30** And all the **(#1)tithe** of the land, whether of **the seed of the land**, or of the **fruit of the tree**, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD. (KJV)

**Lev 27:32** And concerning the **(#1)tithe of the herd, or of the flock**, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. (KJV)

**Num 18:24** But the **(#1)tithes of the children of Israel**, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. **25** And **the LORD spake unto Moses**, saying, **26** Thus speak unto the **Levites**, and say unto them, When ye take **of the children of Israel the (#1)tithes** which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the **(#1)tithe**.

**Deut 14:22** Thou shalt truly **(#1)tithe** all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. **23** And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the **(#1)tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil**, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always. (**read also Deut 12:17**) (KJV)

**Deut 26:12** When thou hast made an end of **(#1)tithing** all the **(#1)tithes** of thine increase the third year, which is the year of (#1)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; (KJV)

**2 Chr 31:5** And as soon as the commandment came abroad, **the children of Israel** brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the fields; and the **(#1)tithe** of all things brought they in abundantly. **6** And **concerning the children of Israel and Judah**, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the **(#1)tithe** of oxen and sheep, and the **(#1)tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God**, and laid them by heaps. (KJV)

**Definition: (#2)Tithe** - (6237) `asar- to tithe, to take the tenth part of, to give a tithe, to take a tithe

**Neh 10:37** And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the (#2)tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the (#2)tithes in all the cities of our tillage. **38** And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take **(#2)tithes**: and the Levites shall bring up the **(#2)tithe** of the **(#2)tithes** unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. (see also **Gen 28:22; 1 Sam 8:15 & 17**) (KJV)

If you have read carefully, hopefully you noticed that **the Apostles, Christians, or the Church that Christ is building** are not mentioned once in the previous scriptures. This is because they cannot be found anywhere in The Old Testament. So then the commandment to observe tithing, has never been given to those of the Church that Christ is building (**Matt.16:13-18; Acts 2:47**); those that have been buried with Christ, and have put on Christ in baptism (**Gal.3:26-29**) [Christians]. Even in the New Testament scriptures given below, if read carefully, you will find the same results. You will find the Lord Jesus teaching the unbelieving Jews, trying to convert them into Christianity. You will also find references to the Old Law, but nothing to the Church that Christ is building.

**Definition: (#3) Tithe-** (586) apodekato-1) to give, to pay a tithe of anything 2) to receive one-tenth from anyone

**Matt 23:23** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay **(#3)tithe** of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (KJV)

**Luke 11:42** But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye **(#3)tithe** mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (KJV)

**Luke 18:11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12** I fast twice in the week, **I give (#3)tithes** of all that I possess. **13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.(KJV)

**Heb 7:5** And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take (#3)tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:(KJV)

**Definition: (#4) Tithe** - (1181) dekate- a tenth part of anything, a tithe a) the tenth party of booty taken

from an enemy b) the tithes of fruits of the earth and of flocks, which by the Law of Moses were presented to the Levites in the congregation of Israel (#5) **Tithe** - (1183) dekatoo (dek-at-o'-o); from 1181; to tithe, i.e. to give or take a tenth: KJV-- pay (receive) tithes.1) to exact or receive the tenth part

**Heb 7:8** And here men that die receive (#4) **tithes**; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. **9** And as I may so say, **Levi also**, who receiveth (#4) **tithes**, payed (#5) **tithes** in Abraham.(KJV)

Remember, Christ Jesus left instructions to his Apostles for all things that are to be observed, by the Church that he is building. The blueprint is in the apostle's doctrine, which is in New Testament scriptures. This is also the one church that is HIS body and the one that he is the HEAD of. The Apostles being guided by The Holy Ghost; "the Comforter" passed these instructions on to us in THEIR writings. We must never forget the order of things, please read!

**Matt 16:16** And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. **18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.(KJV)

**Matt 17:1** And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. **3** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. **4** Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three (1)tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. **5** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.** **6** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. **7** And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. **8** And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.(KJV)

**Definition:** (1)three **tabernacles** 4633 skene-2) used of that well-known movable temple of God after the pattern of which the temple at Jerusalem was built.....

**Matt 28:16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. **17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.KJV)

**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.(KJV)

**Eph 1:20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, **23** **Which is his body,** the fulness of him that filleth all in all.(KJV)

**Col 1:14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **18** **And he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the (1)preeminence.** **19** **For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;** **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.(KJV)

**Definition:(1) the preeminence** 4409 proteuo (prote-yoo'-o); from **4413**; to be first (in rank or influence) , to hold the first place: KJV-- have the preeminence....**4413** protos (pro'-tos); contracted superlative of 4253; foremost (in time, place, order or importance), 1) first in time or place; in any succession of things or persons 2) first in rank a) influence, honor b) chief c) principal 3) first, at the first: KJV-- before, beginning, best, chief (-est), first (of all), former.

As we like to say, Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ through his Apostles (John 17:14-21), nothing more, nothing less, NO ONE ELSE, according to The Father which is in HEAVEN! (Matt.17:1-8; 28:16-20; John 8:54-59; Eph.1:20-23; Col.1:14-20 etc.)

**2 Pet 3:2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, **and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:** **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,(KJV)

**I Jn 4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: **he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.** (KJV)

We believe it is now scripturally clear, that Jesus did not leave any instructions or commands of tithing to his body, the Church. This being true, why are so many in the religious world today, teaching and **demanding** such? Christians must continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine just as those Christians before us (**read Acts2:41-42**). Do we error because we know not the scriptures, nor the power of God (**Matt.22:29**), or is it because of greed that one would **teach in error tithing** [a tenth part] or **pledging**? Is merchandise made of members, because of the love of money, (**read 2Pet.2:1-9**)? The man of God must flee these things, according to the Apostle Paul, as he taught the young minister Timothy (**please read, 1Tim.6:3-21**).

**Acts 2:41** **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** **And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.(KJV)

**2 Pet 2:3** And through (1)**covetousness** shall they with (2)**feigned words** make (3)**merchandise** of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. (please get your bible and **read verses 1 thru 9**) (KJV)

**Definitions:(1) covetousness** -4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.greedy desire to have more (2) **feigned words**-4112 plastos (plas-tos'); from 4111; moulded, i.e. (by implication) **artificial** or (figuratively) **fictitious (false)**: KJV-- feigned. (3) **merchandise** 1710 emporeuomai- to use a person or a thing for gain

**1 Tim 6:10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things;** and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (please get your bible and read verses **3 thru 21**)(KJV)

If we in the religious world today are going to teach in error (tithing), let us at least teach it as God in the Old Law commanded it. Let us accept in the treasury, along with money: seed, sheep, herbs, honey, oxen, mint, etc. We believe the point is understood. Now, let us read the instructions and commandments of finance given to the Church by Christ. These are given by Jesus Christ, the one that grace and truth came by (**John1:17**). Handed down to the Apostles, and then to us, and as we observe [obey] them, it will make Christians right [righteous] with God, as we abide in the Apostles' Doctrine. Let us start first with the teaching of the Apostle Paul, in Acts the 20th chapter, as he was guided by The Holy Spirit. We believe that **Acts the 20th chapter, verses: 31-35** sets the tone of a Christian's life and finances. Contrary to what most teach, **it is a humble life of necessities**. This life is **financed by working with our hands to support our needs, to support the weak and needy saints, and to give to the poor**. This is for all that proclaim to be Christians. The apostle Paul did it and according to scripture, we are to follow him and the other Apostles', as they followed Christ (**1Cor.11:1-2**). Please read!

**Acts 18:1** After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; **2** And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. **3** And because **he was of the same craft**, he abode with them, **and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.**(KJV)

**Acts 20:31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. **32** And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. **33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Please read also **1Cor.4:11-12, Eph.4:28**)

**Rom 12:9** Let love be **(1)without dissimulation**. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. **10** Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; **11** Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; **12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; **13 (2)Distributing to the (3)necessity of (4)saints;** given to hospitality.(KJV)

**Definitions:(1)without dissimulation-505** anupokritos (an-oo-pok'-ree-tos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of 5271; undissembled, i.e. **sincere**: KJV-- **without dissimulation (hypocrisy)**, unfeigned. **(2)Distributing to-2841** koinoneo (koy-no-neh'-o); from 2844; **to share with others** (objectively or subjectively): KJV-- **communicate, distribute, be partaker**. **(3)necessity-5532** chreia (khri'-ah); from the base of 5530 or 5534; **employment**, i.e. an affair; also (by implication) occasion, demand, **requirement or destitution**: KJV-- business, lack, necessary (-ity), need (-ful), use, want. **(4)saints-40** hagios (hag'-ee-os); from hagos (an awful thing) [compare 53, 2282]; sacred (physically, **pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated**): KJV-- (most) holy (one, thing), **saint**.

As you have read and hopefully will continue to read the set of scriptures given below, you will find the purpose and order of the collection, given to the Church, by Christ, through the apostle Paul. This is the

collection that is to be observed by Christians, thereby making them right [righteous] with God; not tithing, (the command Moses gave to the **Israelites**). The purpose of this collection is for the poor and needy **saints**, under New Testament rule. Tithes were given by the **Israelites to the Levites** for the poor and needy, under Old Testament rule, for they had **no inheritance** (Num.18:24-26). We will also see just how precise the instructions are to Christians, in the commandment of giving. They will also manifest the abuse that is caused when religious leaders teach in error, tithing and or pledging. Sure, those that have obeyed the scriptural form of doctrine (**Rom.6:17**), and have been buried with Christ, and have put on Christ in Baptism, are instructed to give. So giving must be taught, but it must be taught and practiced by New Testament scriptures. Please read carefully the instructions given by the Lord through the apostle Paul. **Please note the definitions.**

**1 Cor 16:1** Now concerning the **(1)collection** for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. **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. **3** And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. (Please read also **Acts11:28-30, Rom.15:25-26, Galatians 2:10**) (KJV)

**Definition: (1)Collection-3048** logia-a collection; used of money gathered for the relief of the poor

In the collection for the saints, Christians must first have a willing mind, and it must be according to what they have, not according to what they have not. There are many struggling to pay their bills, because of many legitimate reasons such as: illnesses, medicine, fixed incomes, etc. So, to have religious leaders ask for their checks or check stubs, to impose the **error of a tenth part** of their earnings, or even a “pledge”, is abuse and is not according to New Testament instructions. We hope you will also note, after careful reading, that one is not to be burdened while the other is eased; that there must be **equality**. \*It seems fair to say, one might struggle with having a willing mind, or not giving grudgingly, especially, when the ones that are imposing this **error** on them, are: dressing better, living better, and riding around better than they are. There are some that even have chauffeurs. Yet, those that are better off receive money from those that are struggling to give in the collection, **which is error. Where is the equality?** For religious leaders to live better than their members, **is error** and is not of the Church by Christ. Note again the Apostle Paul, one of the apostles Christians MUST follow :( **see also 2Cor.12:14-15**).

**2 Cor 8:11** Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. **12** For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. **13** For I mean not that other men **(1)be eased, and ye (2)burdened:** **14** But by an (3)equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their (4)want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be (3)equality: **15** As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had **no (5)lack.** (Please read verses **1-10 also**) (KJV)

**Definitions: (1)NOT that other men be eased-425** anesis (an'-es-is); from 447; relaxation or (figuratively) relief, a loosening, a relaxing a) spoken of a more tolerable condition in captivity, to be held in less vigorous confinement b) relief, rest, from persecutions: KJV-- eased, liberty, rest....**(2)** and ye **burdened-2347** thlipsis (thlip'-sis); from 2346; pressure (literally or figuratively), 1) a pressing, a pressing together, pressure 2) metaphorically, oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits: KJV-- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.....(3) equality-2471 isotes (ee-sot'-ace); likeness (in condition or proportion); by implication, equity: KJV-- equal (-ity).e=qual (¶“kw...l) *adj. Abbr. eq.* 1. Having the same quantity, measure, or value as another. 2. Mathematics. Being the same or identical to in value. 3. a. Having the same privileges, status, or rights. b. Being the same for all members of a group. 7. Showing or having no variance in proportion, structure, or

appearance.....(4)Want-5303 husterema (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from 5302; a deficit; specifically, poverty: KJV-- that which is behind, (that which was) lack (-ing), penury, want.1) deficiency, what is lacking 2) in reference to property and resources, poverty, destitution.....(5)lack-1641 elattoneo- 1) to be less, inferior, (in possessions) 2) to make less, to diminish

Here in verse **5 of 2 Cor. 9**, the apostle Paul was reminding the church in Corinth of the fore mentioned bounty that was to be gathered from them. He was assuring them that it was **not** of covetousness. In other words, he was not greedy, taking money for himself to put in his pocket. But that it was a BOUNTY, in other words, a chance to invoke a benefit, a BLESSING to those brothers and sisters that were POOR; thereby laying up treasures IN HEAVEN, NOT ON EARTH. Then in **verse 6** he was also reminding them **ALL** that if they gave sparingly (because they were **stingy**), then those benefits and blessings to those brethren that were IN NEED, would be sparingly; thereby making our **HEAVENLY TREASURES the same**. The more we **CAN** CHEERFULLY give, the more of our NEEDY brothers and sisters we can benefit "BLESS", by SUPPLYING their LACK, and also supplying the **NEEDS** to **SAVE SOULS**; which is a GOOD WORK. The more we LOVE our brothers and sisters, and soul salvation, the more GOD LOVES US.

**2 Cor 9: 5** Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your (1)bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of(1) bounty, and not as of (2)covetousness. **6** But this I say, He which soweth (3)sparingly shall **(4)reap** also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall **(4)reap** also **(5)bountifully**. **7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; **not grudgingly, or of necessity**: for God loveth a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: **9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; **he hath given to the poor**: his righteousness remaineth for ever. (Please read also verses **1-5, 10-13**) (KJV)

**Definitions:** (1)bounty-2129 eulogia- 3) an invocation of blessing, benediction 4) consecration 5) a (concrete) blessing, benefit.....(2)covetousness-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah);from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion, greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.....(3)sparingly-5340 pheidomenos (fi-dom-en'-oce); adverb from participle of 5339; abstemiously, i.e. stingily: KJV-- sparingly.....(4)reap-2325 therizo (ther-id'-zo);from 2330 (in the sense of the crop); to harvest: KJV-- reap.....(5)bountifully-2129 eulogia-3) an invocation of blessing, benediction 4) consecration 5) a (concrete) blessing, benefit

**2 Cor 12:14** Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: **for I (1)seek not** yours, **but you**: for the **(2)children** ought **not (3)to lay up** for the **parents**, but the **(4)parents for the children**. **15** And **I will very gladly (5)spend** and **(6)be spent for you**; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.(KJV)

**Definitions:** (1)seek not-2212 zeteo- a) to seek a thing c) to seek after, to seek for, to aim at, to strive after 2) to require, to demand, to crave, to demand something from someone (2)children -5043 teknon- 3) in the New Testament, pupils or disciples are called children of their teachers, because the latter by their instruction nourish the minds of their pupils and mould their characters (3)to lay up-2343 thesaurizo (thay-sow-rid'-zo); from 2344; to amass or reserve (literally or figuratively): KJV-- lay up (treasure), (keep) in store, (heap) treasure (together, up).1) to gather and lay up, to heap up, to store up a) to accumulate riches (4)Spiritual parents: pastors, teachers, preachers, elders (5)spend-1159 dapanao-1) to incur expense, to expend, to spend (6)be spent for you-1550 ekdapanao-1) to exhaust by expending, to spend wholly, use up, 2) to spend oneself wholly

Dear reader, this concludes the study on tithing. I hope we are scripturally clear on this issue. To teach

that “tithing is to be observed by Christians” is **to teach error**. We touched earlier on the similarity of the two: tithing of the Old Law, under Moses; and the collection for the saints, of the New Testament, under Jesus Christ. If you have carefully read the before mentioned scriptures, you will have noted, a tenth part of All they owned HAD to be given, **NOTHING MORE** and **NOTHING LESS. THEY HAD NO CHOICE**. This commandment as well as ALL given to THEM by GOD under Moses, had to be followed circumspectly; “**Exod. 23:13** And in all things that I have said unto you be **(1)circumspect**: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.”

**Definition: (1)circumspect**-8104 shamar (shaw-mar');a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.: KJV-- beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep, mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, sure.

For one to teach the observance of TITHING one is a DEBTOR to teach CIRCUMCISION; ANIMAL SACRIFICES, STONINGS etc; in other words, the whole Law of Moses. **Christians have never been under the bondage of the Old Law.** “**Acts 11:25** Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: **26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” **Christ has freed all from that Law;** “**Rom 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. **5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.” “**Gal. 2:3** But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: **4** And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:” “**Gal 2:21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” “**Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. **2** Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. **3** For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a (1)debtor to do the whole law. **4** Christ **(2)is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you (3)are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**”

**Definition: (1)debtor**-3781 ophelites-one who owes another, a debtor a) one held by some obligation, bound by some duty ...**(2)is become of no effect unto you** -2673 katargeo-1) to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, or inoperative a) to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency b) to deprive of force, influence, or power 2) to cause to cease, to put an end to, to do away with, to annul, to abolish a) to cease, to pass away, to be done away b) to be severed from, to be separated from, to be discharged from, to be loosed from anyone c) to terminate all intercourse with one....**(3)are justified by the law**-1344 dikaioo-1) to render righteous or such he ought to be 2) to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered 3) to declare, to pronounce one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be

**John 1:17** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.(KJV)

Under Christ “Every man according as he (1) purposeth in his heart”. This is just one of the instructions given to **Christians under CHRIST**, for **GIVING, NOT a tenth part or pledging**; and ALL MUST be followed circumspectly to be right (righteous with GOD); “**Eph 5:14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye **(2)walk (3)circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.** **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.(KJV)

**Definitions:** (1) **purposeth**-4255 proaireomai-1) to bring forward, to bring forth from one's stores 2) to bring forth for oneself, to choose for oneself before another, to prefer 3) to purpose.....(2)**walk**-4043 peripateo-to walk: a) to make one's way, progress; to make due use of opportunities b) Hebrew for, to live 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life.....(3)**circumspectly**-199 akribos (ak-ree-boce'); adverb from the same as 196; exactly, accurately, diligently: KJV-- circumspectly, diligently, perfect (-ly).

So, to answer the question that was first submitted “**Tithing...has it ever been authorized by Jesus Christ, through his Apostles, to be observed by Christians?**” The **scriptural** answer to this question is, **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!** Remember, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, which is false doctrine, for the purpose of saving our souls. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the WORD of TRUTH; GRACE and SALVATION; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, and the continuance in it, is the ONLY thing that allows the man of God to be perfect: **2 Tim 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)

Note here what the apostle Paul admonished the Church in Corinth to do, “**Examine** yourselves, whether ye be **in the faith;**” NOT A FAITH OF OUR CHOICE, LEST WE BE **reprobates;** “**2 Cor 13:5** (1)**Examine** yourselves, whether ye be **in the faith;** (2)**prove** your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be (3)**reprobates?** **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.” As always please note definitions.

**Definitions:** (1)**Examine** yourselves-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo); from 3984; **to test** (objectively), i.e. endeavor, **scrutinize, discipline:** KJV-- assay, examine, prove.....(2)**prove** your own selves-1381 dokimazo (dok-im-ad'-zo); from 1384; **to test** (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve: KJV-- allow, discern, examine, try.....(3)**reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; **unapproved, i.e. rejected;** by implication, **worthless** (literally or morally): KJV-- **castaway, rejected.**

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