

God <u>And</u> Tithing: Religious Greed Unveiled

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CHAPTER FIVE Tithe Simplicity

The issue of God's Law comes into play regarding the instructions to tithe. Many preachers will teach that we are not under God's Law anymore. Instead, and rightly so, we are under a new Covenant with God through our faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, salvation is now by faith; you can do nothing by works. It is God's Grace!

However, those who teach tithing 10% of your gross income are often the same preachers who, by this teaching ignorantly or intentionally, tell you to "obey the Law" by tithing. Other preachers will rightly teach that the Law was specific to the Israelites and doesn't even pertain to Gentiles. Yet, like the Apostle Paul taught, we are no longer under the law through Christ. So, which is it?

Is Tithing A Part Of God's Law? Are people obligated to tithe nowadays?

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Jesus says in Matthew 23:23 that we "ought to have tithed <u>without neglecting</u> the other <u>weightier matters of the Law</u>."

Isn't Jesus teaching us that we must obey the Law to some degree, at least certain aspects of it? How can this teaching of Jesus be reconciled with the common pulpit teaching that Apostle Paul says we are no longer under the Law? Is Jesus giving us a clue as to which Christians he will tell: "I never knew you. Get away from me, you who are lawless."

Think about Jesus' teaching for a moment and ask yourself this question: If we do not have to obey the Law as some ministers preach, does that exclude us from Jesus' statement that the Law requires us to also do what is right, ensure justice, have mercy, and have fidelity?

Verily, I say to you that Christianity has misrepresented the words of Christ concerning the Law and its teachings. How else could you explain Christ's statement about these Law requirements? Do what is right! Ensure Justice! Have mercy! And have fidelity! Fidelity is simply a loyal heart for God. Ignoring the tithe issue for the moment, let me ask you which of these other four requirements of the Law do you think no longer matter to God and His Son? Are these four requirements

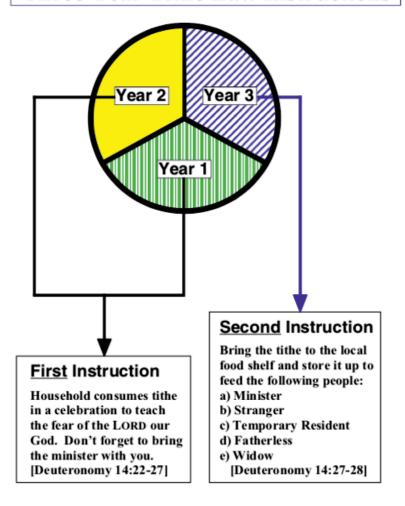
matters of faith, or are they matters of legalism and the Law?

This is pretty heady stuff. Think about what God's instructions tell you about the tithe. Most ministers like item ten in the above list of twenty-nine tithe principles when it comes to the tithe. Therefore, "Bring your tithe money to the Church!"

Likewise, it is clear that they ignore item number eleven; "Spend the tithe money on your heart's desire and then worship God." Where is God's instruction to give the minister or the church your tithe money, and what about the other twenty-seven items? All twenty-nine principles reflect on the tithe, don't they? Along with Jesus' instructions on the Law in Matthew 23:23? Translating Moses' instructions in Deuteronomy 14:22-29 into a graphic looks like this.

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Three Year Tithe Law Instructions



While twenty-nine tithe principles are detailed in Deuteronomy 22: 14-29, there are fundamentally only two basic instructions. One rule covers tithing in years one and two. The second rule covers tithing in year three. Then, the tithe instructions will repeat themselves.

Repeating the three-year tithe cycle would result in the following table for years one through twelve and would continue forever¹.

Year 1	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 2	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 3	Bring the tithe to the storehouse.
Year 4	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 5	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 6	Bring the tithe to the storehouse.
Year 7	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 8	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 9	Bring the tithe to the storehouse.
Year 10	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 11	Consume the tithe before the LORD.
Year 12	Bring the tithe to the storehouse.

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About The Author Edward G. Palmer

It was in May 1978, at the age of 32, when I had an epiphany, and in an instant, I was filled with God's Spirit. I have walked with God for 46 years. For the first twelve years, I absorbed Scripture. I learned to love God's Word in the Bible more than a famous pastor's motivational televised weekly sermons. By 1990, I began to have metaphysical experiences with God. After ignoring God's direction to attend a local Assembly Of God church for two years, I relented in 1992. When I asked, God told me it was to observe.

This church went from 600 members to 150 due to the pastor's illegal sexual relations with three women. He was counseling these women and told them to avoid sex with their husbands. At the same time, he had sexual relations with them. Shortly after I started attending, a new senior pastor came to the church. This one also had an agenda and stole the church from its denomination first and then from its voting members. See www.james417.org for full details.

God had sent me to a cult for four years. With my corporate and legal background, I witnessed how the

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new pastor illegally altered the non-profit corporation's articles and bylaws to steal the church. He was unrepentant when I confronted him about his corrupt teachings and theft. I left with three other members in late 1996, and we started our ministry. For five years until late 2000, God's Spirit deprogrammed us with words from HIS Holy Bible.

For the next five years, God gave me the task of writing the *Book of Edward: Christian Mythology* to explain who Jesus was talking about in Matthew 7:21-23.

Since then, several other books have been written for God to discuss different aspects of His Word. A list of related writings follows. I was ordained in 2000, and we formalized our ministry as Apostle Ministry, Inc. in Minnesota. It became an apostolic writing ministry.

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God And Cancer: A DIY Healing Perspective

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