

Count your blessings...

For the glory of God, and the spiritual edification of those who read these testimonies

Subject: Tithes

Genesis 28:22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Giving of tithes is not a New Testament tradition or law, and Jesus did not say how much to give. It started in the very beginning, where Cain and Abel brought their firstfruits to God for an offering. Even though we work hard

The descendants of Abraham followed the same pattern; of their own will, they decided how much they should give to God, and stuck to their decision.

This is honourable in God's eyes. Even the woman who gave two mites, she chose to give all she had (100%), but was faithful, because she felt in her heart that she should give all she had.

In the passage of Matthew 17:24-27, even our dear Lord instructed us to give what is due to God and then paid His taxes. But if you read the passage carefully, in paying His taxes, He did not want to offend the law or the tax collectors. This is how we should also live, paying our taxes and not to go against the laws of the land.

In the last few days, even through the daily readings, the Lord has been speaking about giving the "fat" of the offerings. Whatever is excess, what has been overprovided to you, whatever you feel you don't need or will not use, and if the Lord has provided more than necessary for that month, then that is the "fat" that should be offered to the Lord.

So give unto God the best, atleast the best 10%, because then your offering will be acceptable to God, and not rejected like Cain's.

What is done with your offering is not your business, but those responsible for the use of tithes are more accountable than us, and will be answerable to God if misused. Their punishment is great, for such misuse. We only need to see how Judas, being put in charge of the money by Jesus, how he misused his power and finally his life was a disaster. But we should simply do our duty, by giving the amount God has put in our hearts, and give to the house of God that God has given to us.

Therefore, be faithful in your duty, and give with gratitude in your hearts, that you are honouring God in giving your tithes.

Don't be like Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-10) who gave only part of the money that God was telling them to give.

Even if you feel that you may be short, if the Lord is speaking to you to give a certain amount, do not fear, but have faith that God will provide in future, because there is a greater blessing in that! Remember, there are definitely people in hell who have not given their tithes; and many have seen this with their own eyes in recent times!