

# OT & NT GIVING IN THE BIBLE

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## OLD TESTAMENT - COMMANDS TO JEWS CONCERNING GIVING

"**Tithe**" - The Hebrew word "*asar*" is translated into English as "**tithe**", which means "**a tenth**"

**Abraham tithed** even before the 10 commandments were given (**Gen 14:20; Heb 7:1-4**)

**Jacob tithed** (**Gen 28:22**)

"**1st Tithe**" = "**God's Commanded Tithe**" - the first tenth (or first 10%) of our income belongs to the LORD!  
(He's given us 100% of what we have, so it all belongs to Him, but we are entrusted with 100% as His "stewards"!)

**Lev. 27:30-32**

**Neh 10:36-39**

"**2nd Tithe**" = "**Festival Title**" - The 2nd 10% of the remaining 90% (after the 1st tithe was given)

**Deut 12:5-18**

Eaten by your family and Levites

**Deut 14:22-27**

**Neh 10:38**

"**3rd Tithe**" = "**Charity Tithe**" - The 2nd 10% of the remaining 90% (after 1st tithe given) - **every 3rd year**

**Deut 14:28-29**

Eaten by Levites, strangers, fatherless, & widows

**Deut 26:12-14**

Robbing God by keeping His Tithe for personal use - **Mal. 3:8-9**

Promise of God's blessing for tithing to the LORD - **Prov 3:8-9; Mal 3:10**

God commanded to bring His tithe into the "storehouse" to provide "meat in my house" (**Mal 3:10; Neh 10:38-39**)

"**God's Tithe**" was to provide "meat in my house" for the **Priests** (**Num 18:8-15**) and the **Levites** (**Num 18:21, 24**)

The **Levites** also tithed a "heave offering" (**Num 18:26-28**) which supported the **Priests**. (**Num 18:8-15, 18-19, 26-28**)

## NEW TESTAMENT - COMMANDS TO BELIEVERS CONCERNING GIVING

Giving a tithe does not excuse or make up for ungodly living and is hypocritical! (**Luke 11:42; Matt 23:23**)

Give every Sunday (1st day of week) as God has prospered you (proportionate to your income) (**I Cor 16:1-2**)

Give bountifully and cheerfully (and God will supply your needs!) (**II Cor 9:6-8**)

God's tithe provides food and income for God's pastors and missionaries (**I Cor 9:7-14; I Tim 5:17-18**)

*(Just like "God's OT tithe provided "meat in my house" for the Levites)*

"Since tithing was practiced before the giving of the law by Moses...it affords a timeless pattern for the Christian, rather than being merely a part of OT ceremonial law which has already been fulfilled." The NT believer is a steward of what God has graciously given him, since everything we have is a gift from God!