## “Old Covenant Tithing and New Covenant Generosity” - March 24, 2019

**A. The History of Tithing for Old Covenant Israel** – Gen. 14:20; Deut. 14:22-29; Lev. 27:30-34; Num.
 18:21-24, 8ff

**B. In Christ, the obligations of Old Covenant, including tithing, have been abolished and replaced by those
 in the New Covenant** – Heb. 7:5; 8:6-13; 2 Cor. 3:7-11; Acts 15:1, 10-11; 19-21

**C. New Covenant Christians are to worship God by giving their finances willingly, joyfully, generously,
 proportionately, and sacrificially** – Heb. 12:28-29; 13:16; Rom. 12:1-2, 13; 2 Cor. 8:7; 9:6-7;
 1 Tim. 6:18; Luke 12:33; 6:35; 2 Cor. 8:3, 12-13; 1 Cor. 16:2; Mark 12:42-44

**D. The practical purposes of financial giving are to further Gospel work (via providing for full-time
 ministers) and to help the poor** – 1 Tim. 5:17-18; 1 Cor. 9:6-11; Gal. 6:6, 10; 3 John 5-8; Phil. 4:14-20;
 Luke 12:32-33; 1 John 3:17; James 2:15-16; Acts 6:1ff; 1 Tim. 5:3-16; Acts 11:28-30; Rom. 15:25-27

**E. New Covenant Christians are to worship God with their finances with knowledge that every dollar
 belongs to God, with faith that God provides for our needs, and with contentment that their happiness
 is not wrapped up in what money can provide** – 1 Chr. 29:11-16; Luke 19:11-27; Rom. 14:7-8; 1 Cor.
 6:19-20; Matt. 6:25-33; Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 9:8, 10-11; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:6-10; Matt. 6:19-24; Acts 20:35

***“Tithe”/”to tithe”*** *– Literally means “a tenth” or “to give a tenth.” The Israelites were obligated to give a tenth of their annual income to support the Levites, the priests and the poor. Although difficult to calculate exactly, the actual amount for the tithe amounts to close to around 19-23% every year (Deut. 12:17-18; 14:22, 28-29; 26:12-13). Following the Jewish tradition, the practice of Christians for hundreds of years is to give 10% of their income for God’s work.*