

Biblical Tithing vs. Church Tithing

Many churches today teach that members must give 10% of their income to the church weekly. However, this teaching is not found anywhere in the Bible. This guide explores what Scripture actually says about tithing.

1. The Biblical Tithe Was Agricultural

Tithes in the Bible were given from crops and livestock, not money.

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to Yahuah..." (Leviticus 27:30)

2. It Was Given Every Third Year to the Poor

Tithes were stored every third year for Levites, widows, orphans, and strangers-not weekly to a church.

"...you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year and lay it up within your towns... so that the Levite... the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow... may come and eat and be filled." (Deuteronomy 14:28-29)

3. Tithing Was for the Levites, Not Pastors

The tithe was given to the Levites who had no land inheritance and served in temple duties.

"I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance..." (Numbers 18:21)

4. No Weekly Church Tithe Command

The New Testament teaches giving from the heart, not under compulsion or a required percentage.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion..." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Conclusion: The concept of weekly tithing to a church is not supported by Scripture. Biblical tithing was agricultural, given every third year to support the Levites and the poor, not modern church buildings or clergy.