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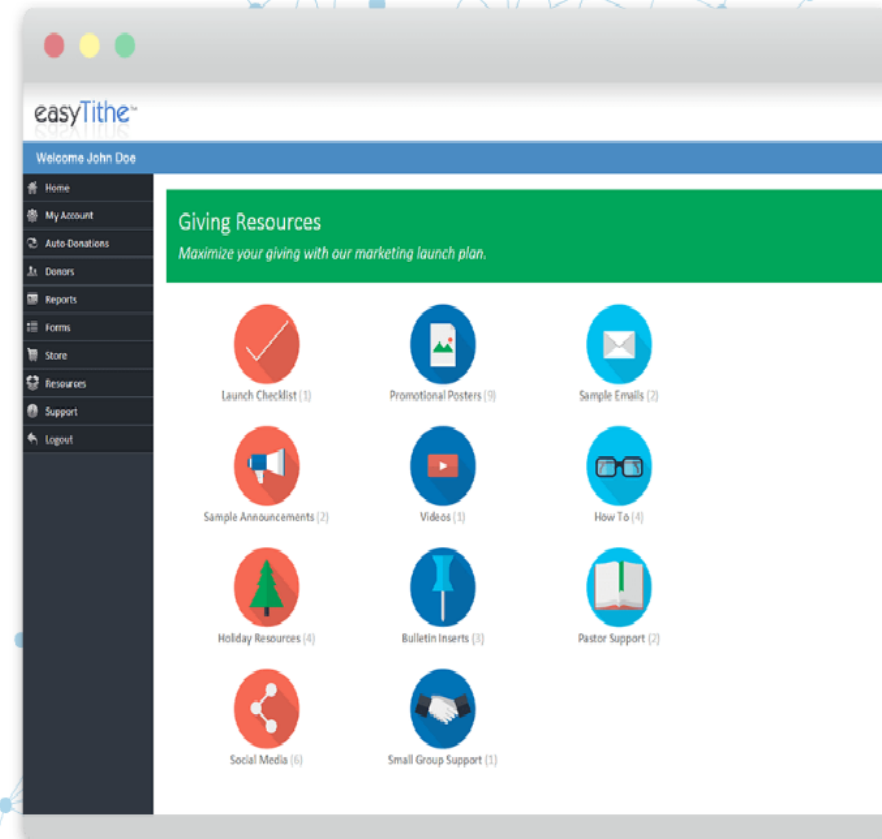


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How Much Should We Give? Are We To Give A Tithe?

The Tithe

- Definition is 1/10 (one tenth)
- Common among pagan religions

What did the Old Testament Give?

Genesis 4:1-5 – voluntary, one time, no %

Genesis 8:15-20 – voluntary, one time, no %

Genesis 14:1-4; 11-20 – voluntary, one time, 1st time 1/10 is used, only recorded tithe he ever made

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No standard until the Mosaic Law

- 1.) Numbers 18:1-6; 21-24 (Tithe to the Levites)
- 2.) Deuteronomy 14:22-27 (Tithe to keep for the Festivals)
- 3.) Deuteronomy 14:28-29 (Tithe to the Poor, every third year)

These 3 tithes equaled over 23%. All were mandatory.

Other requirements

Leviticus 19:9-10 – Round the corners of your field and not harvest them or anything dropped while harvesting. All was to be left for the poor.

Nehemiah 10:32-33 – 1/3 shekel temple tax

Exodus 23:10-11 – No planting or harvesting every 7th year

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Romans 6:14 – For sin will have no dominion over you, since **you are not under law** but under grace.

Galatians 3:23-26 – Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the **law was our guardian until Christ came**, in order that we might be justified by faith. But **now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian**, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

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- Tithing was a mandatory tax to support the nation of Israel; Believers are not a part of the theocratic nation
- Tithing is never mentioned in any instructions to the church, although giving is talked about often

Old Testament Giving

What and How did they **give** over and above what was required?

The building of the Tabernacle:

Exodus 35:4-9

Exodus 35:20-29

Exodus 36:2-7

New Testament Giving

2 quick examples in the New Testament:

- 1.) Luke 18:18-27 – The rich young ruler wanted eternal life, but valued money more.
- 2.) Luke 19:1-9 – Zacchaeus's first response was to follow Jesus and he immediately gave 50% of his possessions to the poor and restored those he owed four-fold.

- Money is a good barometer of faith.

New Testament Giving

Guiding Attitude of Giving in the New Testament:

Ephesians 4:28 – Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, **so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.**

New Testament Giving

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Acts 2:33-35 – I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way **we must help the weak** and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”**

New Testament Giving

Guiding Attitude of Giving in the New Testament:

Acts 2:44-47 – And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, **as any had need**. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, **they received their food with glad and generous hearts**, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

New Testament Giving

Guiding Attitude of Giving in the New Testament:

Acts 4:32-35 – Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **There was not a needy person among them**, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and **laid it at the apostles' feet**, and it was **distributed to each as any had need**.