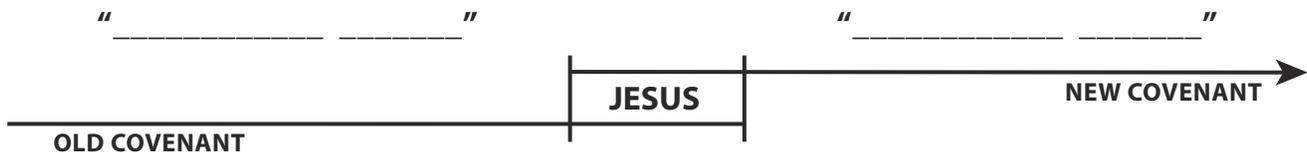


# Resurrecting Generosity

## PART SEVEN

**2 Corinthians 8:12** Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.

**2 Corinthians 9:7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or in response to pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.



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| <b>1. Who:</b>          | • The nation of _____.<br>Genesis 12-17          | • _____.<br>Acts 13:47                 |
| <b>2. When:</b>         | • Until _____ fulfilled it.<br>Jeremiah 31:31-33 | • _____.<br>Hebrews 9:15               |
| <b>3. Based on:</b>     | • _____ rules.<br>Genesis 17:6, 9                | • _____ the Holy Spirit.<br>John 14:16 |
| <b>4. Sustained by:</b> | • _____ — my _____.                              | • _____ — Jesus' _____.<br>Romans 3:24 |
| <b>5. Motive:</b>       | • _____.   | • _____.<br>Matthew 22:40              |

- Tithing was something the Israelites were *obligated* to do.

**Leviticus 27:30** A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

- As God's New Covenant people, we are no longer under that same obligation. We are now free to follow the Holy Spirit's leading as we give.

## What did Jesus say about tithing?

**Matthew 23:23** Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

- Jesus was speaking to Israelites who were still \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus was pointing them to something much \_\_\_\_\_: justice, mercy and faithfulness.

**Following are three indicators that giving is in line with God's heart.**

**Our giving should be:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 9:7** You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.

**1 John 2:27** But you have received the Holy Spirit, and He lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what He teaches is true—it is not a lie.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 8:12-14** Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal.

- Whatever we teach from God's Word must be applicable wherever it's taught around the world. If the Bible is true, then it is true for *all* people, including those living in poverty.

**Is it wrong for Christians to tithe?** No! If believers are giving ten percent in faith-filled response to the leading of the Holy Spirit, then it's a beautiful act of worship that God will reward. But it is not a religious obligation!

***Obligation must die so that generosity can live!***

For an additional resource on this topic, Pastor Tim has written an in-depth article that can be read on-line or downloaded here: [bit.ly/beyond-tithing](http://bit.ly/beyond-tithing)

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