

## “Tithing?”

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### I. Two Pre-Law Examples:

**Genesis 14:17-20:** Abraham gives Melchizedek, the Priest-King of (Jeru)Salem a 10<sup>th</sup> of the plunder. Here, tithing is a response, associated with victory, blessing, and worship.

**Genesis 28:18-22:** Jacob vows to back to God a 10<sup>th</sup> of what he receives. He could be bargaining with God, but most likely he is pledging to God.

### II. The Law was given, *among other things*, to set apart God’s people

**Leviticus 11:44-45:** be holy (set apart) because God is holy

**Deuteronomy 4:6-8:** Display wisdom and righteousness

### III. The Annual Tithe Law

**Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 12:5-8; 14:22-23:** 10% belongs to the Lord—so that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always

### IV. The Levitical Tithe Law

**Numbers 18:21-29:** the Levites have no land inheritance; in return for their ministry service, they are provided for by Israel. The Levites also tithe, and give a 10<sup>th</sup> to the priests

### V. The Welfare Tithe Law

**Deuteronomy 14:28-29; 26:12:** a collection for the needy

### VI. How is the gospel shifting your focus?