

22—Tithing & Offerings

“What We Believe”

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“We believe that the method ordained of God to sustain His ministry and the spread of the gospel after His command is “Tithing” and is generally accepted throughout all Foursquare churches,¹ not only as God’s method to take care of the material and financial needs of His Church, but to raise the spiritual morale of His people to the extent that God must bless them.² In the matter of “giving” and “free will offerings,” they are ordered of the Lord³ and practiced in all Foursquare churches as part of God’s plan for the church’s material needs and the spirituality of His people.⁴ Being “joint heirs” with Him we know that giving unto His kingdom which is also ours is an enjoyable thing,⁵ it being more blessed to give than to receive,⁶ for we are commanded [by God to be cheerful givers.”⁷—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

2. Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

3. Deuteronomy 12:6

There bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings.

4. Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

5. Romans 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

6. Acts 20:35

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

7. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

*In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials, liberty;
In all things, charity.*