

Let's Talk Money

Tithing??

Judge yourself



Prior to being summoned to undertake this ministry, known as The WAY Derech Ha Yashar Ministries, we frequently encountered the suggestion to establish a ministry called a tent-making ministry. Some servants openly, arrogantly, and proudly declare, "You should find a legitimate occupation like the rest of us."

There is a current belief circulating through teachings and social media, suggesting that tithes no longer need to be paid as the Levitical tribe, to whom they were given, no longer exists. Furthermore, this perspective argues that tithes were made in the form of food offerings... There are warning alerts indicating that those who advocate for financial assistance are deceitful teachers and prophets and advise everyone to flee rapidly.

Let's determine whether it aligns with the teachings of the Scriptures.

Let's carefully analyze the following:

- What is required in The Covenant with Yahushua?
- Do not sell the Word of Elohim
- I don't have to obey the Tithe, I pay taxes!
- Practices of the Nazarenes
- Am I worthy to serve as a "man of Elohim"?
- Can a true "man of Elohim" do outside work for money?
- Freely give as you have been freely given

Most people forget that *the foundation* of the Brit Chadashah/New Testament is the Tanach/Old Testament!

Qorintiyim Aleph/1 Corinthians 9

8 Do I say this as a man? Or does not the Torah say the same too? 9 For it has been written in the Torah of Mosheh, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." [*Dev_25:4 Is it about oxen Elohim is concerned?*] 10 Or does He say it because of us all? For this was written because of us, that **he who ploughs should plough in expectation, and the thresher in expectation of sharing.**

Timotiyos Aleph/1 Timothy 5

18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," [*Dev_25:4*] and "The labourer is worthy of his wages." [*Vay/Lev_19:13*]

Do you possess the deserving qualities to attain Wisdom? Are we adequately qualified as individuals to impart it? **It is time for us to demonstrate our sincerity through action, rather than mere words.**

Mishle/Proverbs 17

16 Why is this – a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, When there is no heart (*money but with no intention of buying wisdom*)?

Mattithyahu/Matthew 13

44 “Again, the reign of the heavens is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man having found it, hid, and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Mishle/Proverbs 23

23 Buy the truth and do not sell it – Wisdom and discipline and understanding. (*In wisdom, instruction and understanding buy truth and never sell it out for a pagan lie*)

Mishle/Proverbs 4

7 “The beginning of wisdom is: Get (*same word as “buy” in Mishle/Pro 23:23*) wisdom! And with all your getting, get understanding.

The consideration of worthiness should be the most important aspect of our lives. Although we are unable to save ourselves without relying on Yahushua's sacrifice as our High Priest, we can still achieve the worthiness to embark on this journey initially. The starting point of this journey involves making a smart investment in the pursuit of truth by acquiring wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Luqas/Luke 20

35 but those who are counted worthy of attaining that age (*to obtain that world*), and the resurrection from the dead.

Tasloniqim Bet/2 Thessalonians 1

4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the assemblies of Elohim for your endurance and belief in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are bearing,

The Judgment at Yahushua's Coming

5 clear evidence of the righteous judgment of Elohim, in order for you to be counted worthy of the reign of Elohim, for which you also suffer (*that you who sacrifice for the Kingdom of יהוה may be counted worthy*), 6 since Elohim shall rightly repay with affliction those who afflict you

Luqas/Luke 21

36 “Watch then at all times and pray that you be counted worthy to escape all this about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Adam (*Man*).”

What actions enable us to be considered deserving of the Kingdom of Elohim's arrival? **By providing financial support for the expansion of the Kingdom through individuals chosen by יהוה, such as prophets, teachers, and knowledgeable individuals who have been summoned to dedicate themselves to this cause.** We benefit from their service, and in return, we show our appreciation for their dedicated time and hard work. This is the process through which the Kingdom expands and develops over time.

We cannot be deserving of receiving or imparting revelation, wisdom, or truth without the blessing of יהוה. In the absence of it, we are unable to progress beyond our present boundaries and develop greater wisdom, knowledge, and comprehension. **Yahushua has chosen prophets, teachers, and wise individuals to convey the Truth and Wisdom of יהוה to us.** However, as Yahushua warned, we are undeserving of receiving it and, unfortunately, go so far as to criticize them. We publicly shame them in the town square, alleging that they are “making a profit from spreading יהוה's message, which was meant to be shared without charge.”

Mattithyahu/Matthew 23

34 “Because of this, see, I send you prophets, and wise men, and scholars of Scripture. Some of them you shall kill and impale, and some of them you shall flog in your congregations and persecute from city to city.

According to the Scriptures, these individuals are referred to as "men of Elohim," and it is crucial for us to refrain from subjecting them to persecution.

Instead of rejecting them, we should show appreciation by rewarding them with gifts and offerings as expressions of gratitude for their assistance to us.

Shemu'el Aleph/1Samuel 9

7 And Sha'ul said to his servant, “**But look, if we go, what do we bring the man? For the bread in our bags is all gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of Elohim.** What do we have?” 8 And the servant answered Sha'ul again and said, “Look, I have here at hand one-fourth of

a sheqel of silver. And I shall give that to the man of Elohim, and **he shall make known to us our way.**"

Melakim Bet/2Kings 5

15 And he returned to the man of Elohim, he and all his company, and came and stood before him and said, "See, now I know that there is no Elohim in all the earth, except in Yisra'el. **And now, please take a gift from your servant.**" 16 But he said, "As יהוה lives, before whom I stand, I do not accept it." And he pressed on him to accept it, but he refused. 17 Then Na'aman said, "If not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth, for **no longer is your servant going to make an ascending offering and slaughtering to other mighty ones, but to יהוה.**

26...Is it time to accept silver and to accept garments, and olive-trees and vineyards, and sheep and cattle, and male and female servants?

What is required in The Covenant with Yahushua?

Supporting the growth of the Kingdom of Elohim is seen as a privilege, as it allows us to partake in the abundant rewards of that ministry.

Qorintiyim Bet/2Corinthians 8

2 that in much trial of pressure the overflowing of their joy and their deep poverty overflowed into the riches of their generosity. 3 Because I bear witness that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily (*they gave according to their ability and beyond*), 4 begging us with much urgency for the favour of taking part in this service to the set-apart ones.

יהוה instructed us to not prevent His chosen ones from receiving financial support, as explained by Sha'ul. No soldier incurs personal costs while serving, as they receive payment from the ones they fight for. Sha'ul emphasizes the importance of providing financial assistance to those who dedicate themselves to serving others on a full-time basis.

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This statement does not represent Sha'ul's personal viewpoint, as he explicitly refers to it as derived from the divine Torah/Law of יהוה and the teachings of our King, Yahushua.

Do NOT Sell the Word of Elohim

We are taught that as we are called to full-time service; if we sell or in any way “profit” from our efforts to serve the Kingdom then we are violating יהוה’s command not to sell His Word. Of course, these hypocrites make a living wage from their own jobs... they don’t work for free. They just expect those who have the highest callings and are literally building the Kingdom, bringing us revelation, Wisdom, and Knowledge... to give up their ability to live and do it as if יהוה Himself is going to send a check in the mail from the First Bank of the Kingdom. We are directed to the following sound bite:

Mishle/Proverbs 23

23 Buy truth and never sell it— in wisdom and instruction and understanding.

That claim is a dishonest testimony and a disgrace to יהוה. We are not selling יהוה's Word but rather receiving compensation for the time we dedicate to our ministries. This compensation is like our inheritance, as we are not allowed to engage in other forms of work. This concept is often misunderstood by most young people.

We prioritize our money over the Truth and willingly choose not to support those individuals who have made significant sacrifices to serve us. Let's analyze Mishle/Proverbs 23:23 in its proper context to ascertain whether it forbids men of Elohim from receiving fair compensation for their service to the Kingdom.

Buy Truth

I could stop there. That single phrase invalidates their whole argument. **We are responsible for purchasing Truth by providing financial support to those who bring it forth.**

To begin, it is important to note that those who criticize our prophets, teachers, and wise men of Elohim for being compensated for their work in His Kingdom are overlooking the initial aspect of that verse. This is not just a mere sound bite, it's more like a small portion of a verse. The initial section of Mishle/Proverbs 23:23 guides us to obtain or buy Truth. **How can one acquire something that is prohibited from being traded?** Their application of the "sound bite doctrine" goes directly against the commandments of יהוה regarding Tithes and Offerings, as well as Yahushua's teachings on providing fair wages to His chosen servants.

So then, what does "do not sell it" mean exactly?

Do not sell it

Let me guide you to the Hebrew equivalent of the term "sell. "

In this passage, "sell" refers to the act of not compromising or giving up on Truth. Observe how the linear dictionary clarifies that in Mishle/Proverbs 23:23, the term "sell" is metaphorical, implying the idea of not compromising one's commitment to the truth by embracing the beliefs of pagan nations or succumbing to false ideologies.

◀ Proverbs 23:23 ▶

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998 [e] û-bî-nāh. וּבִינָה	4148 [e] û mû-sār וּמוֹסָר	2451 [e] hāk mäh חֻכְמָה	4376 [e] tim-kör, תִּמְכֹּר	408 [e] wə-'al- וְאֵל-	7069 [e] qə-nēh קָנָה	571 [e] 'ē-meṯ אֱמֶת
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Mishle/Proverbs 23

23 Buy truth and never sell it (*do not sell that which we have bought*)

This text discusses Nineveh, the city Jonah feared to go to when he ran away from יהוה, as he did not wish to urge Nineveh to change its ways. However, after he eventually answered יהוה's summons, Nineveh experienced a change of heart and was rescued (chapter 9).

During Nahum's time, Nineveh had once again turned into a city filled with deep immorality. As a result, Nahum declared the burden of יהוה on the city.

in wisdom and instruction and understanding.

A phrase that is awkwardly placed in a sentence, causing confusion, is referred to as a "misplaced modifier" in translation. This occurrence is quite frequent in the process of translating our Bibles, from Hebrew to Greek, then to Latin and eventually to English. The translators' attempt to translate the text "word for word" into multiple languages resulted in the loss of its original meaning.

The phrase should have been properly placed at the beginning and should read:

Mishle/Proverbs 23:23

23 In wisdom, instruction and understanding buy truth and never sell out for a pagan lie."

That is the meaning, context, and intent of Mishle/Proverbs 23:23.

This is precisely what Christianity and people who criticize His followers for earning a fair income through their work for the Kingdom have accomplished. Betrayed by aligning with Rome through embracing false pagan beliefs instead of standing up for the chosen ones anointed by יהוה to bring forth the genuine Truth.

Those who serve the King for a wage are not the ones at fault, but rather those who go against the teachings of Mishle/Proverbs 23:23. To be precise, the Messiah explicitly instructed us to provide assistance to His teachers, prophets, and Men of Elohim, affirming that they deserve rightful compensation for their service.

Lugas/Luke 10

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the worker is worthy of his wage. 8 Do not go from house to house (*find one worthy to finance your efforts, that house is 'worthy'* **Matt. 10:8-11)**

I don't have to obey the Tithe, I pay taxes!

This is another way of saying ***"I am willing to obey the law of man and support a pagan government but not willing to obey the Law of יהוה and support His Divine Government"***.

This is yet another popular excuse to avoid backing the expansion of the Kingdom as if our taxes are being utilized to develop יהוה's Kingdom. Our utmost focus is on nurturing the expansion of the Kingdom of Elohim rather than on promoting and empowering a secular nation (as all nations are considered secular). Assisting widows, orphans, the poor, and similar causes is of lesser importance, but undoubtedly our taxes are designated for that purpose.

In accordance with the Torah/Law of Mosheh, the Tithe was designated exclusively for the Levites as their rightful share. It failed to address the needs of widows, orphans, military defense, the less fortunate, or any other purpose. Free-will offerings were used for those purposes and later taxes as Israel formed a government under Kings. However, the Tithe persisted unchanged because it served as a legal means of providing financial backing for the Tribe of Levi.

The early assemblies showed a similar resistance, with only one of them being open to aiding the initial development of the Kingdom of Elohim. Those individuals who did not provide adequate financial support for the development of the Kingdom, experienced limited rewards and were excluded from a Kingdom they did not demonstrate enough commitment to build. Those individuals who provided financial support for the development of the Kingdom were rewarded with a bountiful harvest. They achieved everlasting life in the Kingdom through partaking in the rewards of the ministry that served them.

Qorintiyim Bet/2Corinthian 9

6 And this: He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who sows on blessing shall also reap on blessing. 7 Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not of grief or of necessity, for Elohim loves a joyous giver.

How do we consecrate our own service?

Does going out and just posting here or there on Facebook make our service to יהוה legit or “sacred”? If not, then how is our service to יהוה made sacred or “consecrated” to יהוה? It is by sacrifice! It always has been about personal sacrifice. And in the case of service, it is a financial sacrifice.

Tasloniqim Bet/2 Thessalonians 1

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Shemoth/Exodus 35

5 ‘Take from among you a contribution to יהוה. Everyone whose heart so moves him, let him bring it as a contribution to יהוה: gold, and silver, and bronze,

21 And everyone whose heart lifted him up and everyone whose spirit moved him came, and they brought the contribution to יהוה for the work of the Tent of Appointment, and for all its service, and for the set-apart garments. 22 And they came both men and women, all whose hearts moved them, and brought earrings and nose rings, and rings and necklaces, all golden goods, even everyone who made a wave offering of gold to יהוה.

29 The children of Yisra’el brought a voluntary offering to יהוה, all the men and women whose hearts moved them to bring all kinds of work which יהוה, by the hand of Mosheh, had commanded to be done.

Dibre HaYamim Aleph/1Chronicles 29

5 the gold for the gold and the silver for the silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. **Who then is moved to fill his hand today for יהוה?" ... 9 And the people rejoiced, for they had given voluntarily, And, because with a perfect heart they had given voluntarily to יהוה.** And Dawid the sovereign also rejoiced greatly... 13 "And now, our Elohim, we thank You and praise Your comely Name. 14 **"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give so voluntarily as this? For all comes from You, and we have given to You out of Your hand.** 15 "For we are sojourners and pilgrims before You, as were all our fathers; our days on earth are as a shadow, and without permanence.16 **"O יהוה our Elohim, all this store that we have prepared to build You a house for Your set-apart Name is from Your hand, and all is of You.** 17 **"And I know, my Elohim, that You are trying the heart and desire uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have voluntarily given all these. And now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to give voluntarily to You.** 18 **"O יהוה Elohim of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Yisra'el, our fathers, guard this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and prepare their heart toward You.**

Practices of the Nazarenes

During the first century, the approach to establishing the Kingdom involved entering towns and imparting teachings in nearby synagogues, town squares, or intimate gatherings at people's homes. The residents of the town helped the servants, and those who were willing to offer support in terms of shelter, food, clothing, and travel expenses were considered respected by the man of Elohim. The blessing of יהוה, was bestowed upon their home or town. The people living in that town, who were Nazarenes, would prepare ahead of time for the arrival of the religious leader by setting aside a portion of their earnings, known as Tithe, on the first day of every week, based on their level of prosperity. The one "worthy" who would act as the host for the man of Elohim would be in charge of overseeing it.

Qorintiyim Bet/ 1 Corinthians 16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, do just as I have directed the called out ones of Galatia: **2** Upon the First of every week, let each of you put aside something in savings, in proportion (*of 10% Law of the Tithe*) to what he is given, so that no collections will have to be made when I come.

Qorintiyim Bet/ 1 Corinthians 9

14 So also the Master instituted that those announcing the Good News should live from the Good News.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 10

9 “Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your money-belts, **10** or a bag for the journey, or two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs, **for the worker is worthy of his food.**

Nowadays, there is no longer a need to spend money on travel, food, and other expenses associated with the journey. We can connect with people from around the world without needing to travel anywhere. Despite having ongoing expenses that require funding, these financial needs are met through generous donations from individuals who contribute their tithes and offerings.

Am I Worthy as a “man of Elohim”?

The other side of this “coin” is that to be “worthy” to serve יהוה in the position of “prophet, teacher, or wise man of Elohim” you must deny your rights, talents, and ability to earn a wage outside of the Kingdom you are building.

Similarly, to how the Levites did not possess any land as an inheritance, they were not allowed to engage in agricultural activities, raise livestock, or find other means of making a living. In a similar manner, those who are part of The Covenant with Yahushua and have been chosen and anointed for the roles of prophet, teacher, or wise servant of Elohim are also forbidden from receiving wages or funding their own service in any way.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 10

9 Do not carry any gold or silver or copper (*of your own*) in your money belts. 10 Take no bag for the road, or second tunic, or sandals, or staff; for the worker is worthy of his provisions from those he serves. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy there (*the one willing to support you financially*) and stay at his house until you move on.... 12 As you enter the home, greet its occupants. 13 If the home is worthy (*they offer gifts of support – Shemu’el Aleph/1 Samuel 9:7, Luqas/Luke 10:7,8, Qorintiyim Aleph/1 Corinthians 16:1,2, Qorintiyim Bet/2 Corinthians 8:2-4*), let your peace rest on it; but if it is not (*they do not support the growth of the Kingdom financially*), let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not welcome you (*with gifts of support – Shemu’el Aleph/1 Samuel 9:7, Melakim Bet/2 Kings 5:15,16,20-27*) or heed your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town....

We are “soldiers” and no soldier can effectively serve on the front lines of the battle and remain at home tending his fields to support himself!

Qorintiyim Aleph/1Corinthian 9

7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not feed on the milk of the flock? 8 Do I say this as a man? Or does not the Torah say the same too?

Freely give as you have been freely given

Another frequently used phrase to criticize the chosen men of Elohim is "give generously, just as you have received generously. " This can be found in the guidelines of Yahushua in Mattithyahu/Matthew 10:8. The individuals whom Yahushua sends are instructed not to engage in any labour, but they deserve to be compensated by the people they serve.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 10

8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.
You have received without paying, give without being paid.

This concept of financial support for those chosen to serve, initially found in The Torah/Law of Mosheh with the Mitzvot/Commandment of the Tithes and Offerings, continues to hold relevance in The Covenant with Yahushua. Similar to how the Tribe of Levi was supported by the other 11 Tribes of Yisra’el, we are also called to financially support those appointed to serve in our communities. Although we expect people to provide us with financial support, our main goal is not to obtain it. Our intention is to generously offer our services without any expectation in return.

What is the interpretation of "freely give as you have been freely given"? Does it imply that you should offer your service, time, books, and similar things without any limitations or expectations? Is it available at no cost? No! This means that people who serve should do it willingly and without expecting financial assistance from others. They should do it because they love those, they want to save through the message they share, not because they feel obligated or forced to do so.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 10

8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.
You have received without paying, give without being paid. (*not out of obligation or compulsion – g1432*).

The word translated “freely” is **g1432**.

G1432

δωρεάν

dōrean

Accusative case of G1431 as adverb; **gratuitously** (literally or figuratively): - **without a cause, freely, for naught, in vain.**

In this situation, Yahushua has expressed that a worker deserves to be paid for their efforts, so it cannot be interpreted as encouraging us to provide everything we do, be it our time or the books we create, without any compensation. It addresses the purpose and reasons behind our service. We should perform this task without any hope for monetary contributions or

feeling obligated or forced, especially not for monetary gain. We willingly serve others out of love, even if it means we have limited resources and live in poverty. **It is up to יהוה to inspire those we serve and compel them to follow the commandments and generously give.**

Our decision

We have chosen to cease all external assistance aimed at sustaining our organization and its mission. **We will dutifully fulfil the responsibility of serving in this position we have been chosen for.** We are counting on each one of you to show your support for your teacher, while also benefiting from the positive outcomes of this ministry. Your contributions towards the growth of the Kingdom will help you dedicate your own service in a meaningful way.

This ministry distinguishes itself on Earth with its message, and should you believe this message to be true, then it is your responsibility to "pay it forward". **The achievement depends on the team's effort.**

Mishle/Proverbs 17

16 Why should the fool have money in his hand with no intention of buying wisdom?

If you would like to consecrate your service to יהוה by being obedient to His commands to support the growth of His Kingdom, you can invest in this ministry:

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If this message causes an intense or negative reaction within you, it may be due to feelings of guilt or if material possessions have become excessively important to you.

Those who do not support His Kingdom will have no inheritance in it!

Thank you to all who are faithful to this ministry!