

Tithe

What Yahweh has to say about it?

What does Yeshua have to say about tithing?

Matthew 23:23-24 “Woe to you hypocritical *Torah*-teachers and *P’rushim*! You pay your tithes of mint, dill and cumin; but you have neglected the weightier matters of the *Torah* — justice, mercy, trust. These are the things you should have attended to — without neglecting the others! ²⁴ Blind guides! — straining out a gnat, meanwhile swallowing a camel!

Luke 11:42 “But woe to you *P’rushim*! You pay your tithes of mint and rue and every garden herb, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You have an obligation to do these things — but without disregarding the others!

We are not to neglect or disregard
the giving of our tithes

Luke 16: 1-13

Speaking to the *talmidim*, Yeshua said: “There was a wealthy man who employed a general manager. Charges were brought to him that his manager was squandering his resources. ² So he summoned him and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Turn in your accounts, for you can no longer be manager.’

³ “‘What am I to do?’ said the manager to himself. ‘My boss is firing me, I’m not strong enough to dig ditches, and I’m ashamed to go begging. ⁴ Aha! I know what I’ll do — something that will make people welcome me into their homes after I’ve lost my job here!’

⁵ “So, after making appointments with each of his employer’s debtors, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my boss?’ ⁶ ‘Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. ‘Take your note back,’ he told him. ‘Now, quickly! Sit down and write one for four hundred!’ ⁷ To the next he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. ‘Take your note back and write one for eight hundred.’

⁸ “And the employer of this dishonest manager applauded him for acting so shrewdly! For the worldly have more sekhel than those who have received the light — in dealing with their own kind of people!

⁹ “Now what I say to you is this: use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves, so that when it gives out, you may be welcomed into the eternal home. ¹⁰ Someone who is trustworthy in a small matter is also trustworthy in large ones, and someone who is dishonest in a small matter is also dishonest in large ones. ¹¹ So if you haven’t been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who is going to trust you with the real thing? ¹² And if you haven’t been trustworthy with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what ought to belong to you? ¹³ No servant can be slave to two masters, for he will either hate the first and love the second, or scorn the second and be loyal to the first. You can’t be a slave to both God and money.”

Manager

οἰκονόμος, οἰκονόμου, ὁ (οἶκος, νέμω ('to dispense, manage'); Hesychius ὁ τήν οἶκον νεμόμενος), **the manager of a household or of household affairs; especially a steward, manager, superintendent** (whether free-born, or, as was usually the case, a freed-man or slave) to whom the head of the house or proprietor has intrusted the manage expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every servant and even to the children not yet of age: Luke 12:42; 1 Corinthians 4:2; Galatians 4:2; **the manager**

Shrewd

φρονίμως, adverb, **prudently, wisely**: Luke 16:8.

Sekhel

Hebrew: intelligence, reason, common sense, cleverness or even wisdom

Genesis 14:18-20

Malki-Tzedek king of Shalem brought out bread and wine. He was *cohen* of *El 'Elyon* [God Most High], ¹⁹ so he blessed him with these words:

“Blessed be Avram by *El 'Elyon*,
maker of heaven of earth.
²⁰ and blessed be *El 'Elyon*,
who handed your enemies over to you.”

Avram gave him a tenth of everything.

מַעֲשֵׂר **noun masculine** Numbers 18:28 **tenth part, tithe;** — absolute מַ

Hebrews 7:

This Malki-Tzedek, king of Shalem, a *cohen* of God *Ha'Elyon*, met Avraham on his way back from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him; ² also Avraham gave him a tenth of everything.

Now first of all, by translation of his name, he is “king of righteousness”; and then he is also king of Shalem, which means “king of peace.”

³ There is no record of his father, mother, ancestry, birth or death; rather, like the Son of God, he continues as a *cohen* for all time.

⁴ Just think how great he was! Even the Patriarch Avraham **gave him a tenth** of the choicest spoils. ⁵ Now the descendants of Levi who became *cohanim* have a commandment in the Torah to take a tenth of the income of the people, that is, from their own brothers, despite the fact that they too are descended from Avraham. ⁶ But Malki-Tzedek, even though he was not descended from Levi, took a tenth from Avraham.

Also, he blessed Avraham, the man who received God's promises; ⁷ and it is beyond all dispute that the one who blesses has higher status than the one who receives the blessing.

⁸ Moreover, in the case of the *cohanim*, the tenth is received by men who die; while in the case of Malki-Tzedek, it is received by someone who is testified to be still alive.

⁹ One might go even further and say that Levi, who himself receives tenths, paid a tenth through Avraham; ¹⁰ inasmuch as he was still in his ancestor Avraham's body when Malki-Tzedek met him.

Numbers 18:21-29

²¹ “To the descendants of Levi I have given the entire tenth of the produce collected in Isra’el. It is their inheritance in payment for the service they render in the tent of meeting. ²² From now on, the people of Isra’el are not to approach the tent of meeting, so that they will not bear the consequences of their sin and die. ²³ Only the *L’vi’im* are to perform the service in the tent of meeting, and they will be responsible for whatever they do wrong. This is to be a permanent regulation through all your generations. They are to have no inheritance among the people of Isra’el, ²⁴ because I have given to the *L’vi’im* as their inheritance the tenths of the produce which the people of Isra’el set aside as a gift for *ADONAI*. This is why I have said to them that they are to have no inheritance among the people of Isra’el.”

²⁵ *ADONAI* said to Moshe, ²⁶ “Tell the *L’vi’im*, ‘When you take from the people of Isra’el the tenth of the produce which I have given you from them as your inheritance, you are to set aside from it a gift for *ADONAI*, one tenth of the tenth. ²⁷ The gift you set aside will be accounted to you as if it were grain from the threshing-floor and grape juice from the wine vat. ²⁸ In this way you will set aside a gift for *ADONAI* from all your tenths that you receive from the people of Isra’el, and from these tenths you are to give to Aharon the *cohen* the gift set aside for *ADONAI*. ²⁹ From everything given to you, you are to set aside all that is due *ADONAI*, the best part of it, its holy portion.’

Lev. 27:30-31

³⁰ “All the tenth given from the land, whether from planted seed or fruit from trees, belongs to *ADONAI*; it is holy to *ADONAI*. ³¹ If someone wants to redeem any of his tenth, he must add to it one-fifth.”

Deut. 14:22

²² “Every year you must take one tenth of everything your seed produces in the field”

Yahweh instructs us to give a tenth of our income to Adonai.

When we give to Adonai who are we to give our tithes to?

Neh. 10: 35-40

⁽³⁵⁾ “Every year we will bring the firstfruits of our land and the firstfruits of all fruit from every kind of tree to the house of *ADONAI*. ³⁷ ⁽³⁶⁾ “We will also bring the firstborn of our sons and of our livestock, as prescribed in the *Torah*, and the firstborn of our herds and flocks, to the house of our God, to the *cohanim* ministering in the house of our God. ³⁸ ⁽³⁷⁾ “We will bring the first of our dough, our contributions, the fruit of every kind of tree, wine and olive oil to the *cohanim* in the storerooms of the house of our God, along with the tenths from our land for the *L’vi’im*; since they, the *L’vi’im*, take the tenths in all the cities where we farm. ³⁹ ⁽³⁸⁾ The *cohen* the descendant of Aharon is to be with the *L’vi’im* when the *L’vi’im* take tenths. The *L’vi’im* will bring the tenth of the tenth to the house of our God, to the storerooms for supplies. ⁴⁰ ⁽³⁹⁾ For the people of Isra’el and the descendants of Levi are to bring the contribution of grain, wine and olive oil to the rooms where the equipment for the sanctuary, the ministering *cohanim*, the gatekeepers and the singers are. We will not abandon the house of our God.”

So, what happens when we don't tithe?

Neh. 13: 10-14

¹⁰ I also learned that the portions for the *L'vi'im* had not been given to them, so that the *L'vi'im* and singers who were supposed to be doing the work had deserted, each one to his own farm. ¹¹ I disputed with the leaders, demanding, "Why is the house of God abandoned?" I gathered the *L'vi'im* together and restored them to their stations; ¹² and then all Y'hudah brought the tenth of grain, wine and olive oil to the storerooms. ¹³ To supervise the storerooms I appointed Shelemyah the *cohen*, Tzadok the *Torah*-teacher and, from the *L'vi'im*, P'dayah; assisting them was Hanan the son of Zakur, the son of Mattanyah; for these were considered reliable. Their duty was to make the distribution to their kinsmen. ¹⁴ My God, remember me for this; don't wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God and for his service!

The work of Adonai is not done!

Are our tithe and offerings just for those that minister and the needs of the house of God?

Deut. 26:12-13

¹² “After you have separated a tenth of the crops yielded in the third year, the year of separating a tenth, and have given it to the Levi, the foreigner, the orphan and the widow, so that they can have enough food to satisfy them while staying with you; ¹³ you are to say, in the presence of *ADONAI* your God, ‘I have rid my house of the things set aside for God and given them to the Levi, the foreigner, the orphan and the widow, in keeping with every one of the mitzvot you gave me. I haven’t disobeyed any of your mitzvot or forgotten them.”

James 2:14-17

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

The body of Messiah Yeshuah are the ones responsible for taking care of those in need.

Types of Offerings

Alms: The Hebrew word for alms is tzedakah (צְדָקָה) which literally means "righteousness" but is commonly used to refer to charity.

Proverbs 19:17 “He who is kind to the poor is lending to *ADONAI*; and he will repay him for his good deed.”

Matthew 5:42 “When someone asks you for something, give it to him; when someone wants to borrow something from you, lend it to him.”

Thank Offerings: An act of giving that is a sacrifice.

Leviticus 7:11-13 “This is the law for sacrificing peace offerings offered to *ADONAI*: ¹² If a person offers it for giving thanks, he is to offer it with the thanksgiving sacrifice of unleavened cakes mixed with olive oil, *matzah* spread with olive oil, and cakes made of fine flour mixed with olive oil and fried. ¹³ With cakes of leavened bread he is to present his offering together with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for giving thanks.

Acts 10:1-4 There was a man in Caesarea named Cornelius, a Roman army officer in what was called the Italian Regiment. ² He was a devout man, a “God-fearer,” as was his whole household; he gave generously to help the Jewish poor and prayed regularly to God. ³ One afternoon around three o’clock he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” ⁴ Cornelius stared at the angel, terrified. “What is it, sir?” he asked. “Your prayers,” replied the angel, “and your acts of charity have gone up into God’s presence, so that he has you on his mind.

Our heart plays an important role in giving!

Mark 10:17-30

¹⁷ As he was starting on his way, a man ran up, kneeled down in front of him and asked, “Good rabbi, what should I do to obtain eternal life?” ¹⁸ Yeshua said to him, “Why are you calling me good? No one is good except God! ¹⁹ You know the *mitzvot* — ‘Don’t murder, don’t commit adultery, don’t steal, don’t give false testimony, don’t defraud, honor your father and mother, . . .’”^[d] ²⁰ “Rabbi,” he said, “I have kept all these since I was a boy.” ²¹ Yeshua, looking at him, felt love for him and said to him, “You’re missing one thing. Go, sell whatever you own, give to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come, follow me!” ²² Shocked by this word, he went away sad; because he was a wealthy man.

²³ Yeshua looked around and said to his *talmidim*, “How hard it is going to be for people with wealth to enter the Kingdom of God!” ²⁴ The *talmidim* were astounded at these words; but Yeshua said to them again, “My friends, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! ²⁵ It’s easier for a camel to pass through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were utterly amazed and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Yeshua looked at them and said, “Humanly, it is impossible, but not with God; with God, everything is possible.” ²⁸ Kefa began saying to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Yeshua said, “Yes! I tell you that there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundred times over, now, in the ‘*olam hazeh*, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and lands — with persecutions! — and in the ‘*olam haba*, eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first!”

Heart strings attached to wealth is the reason the wealth man couldn’t follow Yeshua.

Mark 10:29-30

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Olam ha-zeh is a Hebrew phrase that means "this world". It refers to life on earth, and in the present. Olam ha-ba, means "the world to come".

The wealthy man would have been financially blessed, while in “this world”, if he had obeyed Yeshua. We need to learn to not have heart strings attached to money, trust Yahweh, and freely give.

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

⁶ Here's the point: he who plants sparingly also harvests sparingly. ⁷ Each should give according to what he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**.^[a] ⁸ Moreover, God has the power to provide you with every gracious gift in abundance, so that always in every way you will have all you need yourselves and be able to provide abundantly for every good cause — ⁹ as the *Tanakh* says,

“He gave generously to the poor;
his *tzedakah* lasts forever.”^[b]

¹⁰ He who provides both seed for the planter and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your *tzedakah*. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way, so that you can be generous in everything. And through us your generosity will cause people to thank God, ¹² because rendering this holy service not only provides for the needs of God's people, but it also overflows in the many thanks people will be giving to God.



Count the Cost: Giving to Yahweh comes at a cost or sacrifice

2 Samuel 24:18-25

¹⁸ Gad came to David that day and said to him, “Go, set up an altar to *ADONAI* on the threshing-floor of Aravnah the Y’vusi.” ¹⁹ David went up and did what Gad had said, as *ADONAI* had ordered. ²⁰ Aravnah looked out and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. Aravnah went out and prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ Then Aravnah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?” David said, “To buy your threshing-floor, in order to build an altar to *ADONAI*, so that the plague will be lifted from the people.” ²² Aravnah said to David, “Let my lord the king take and offer up anything that seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering; you can use the threshing-sledges and the yokes for the oxen as firewood. ²³ All this, O king, Aravnah gives to the king.” Then Aravnah said to the king, “May *ADONAI* your God accept you.” ²⁴ But the king said to Aravnah, “No; I insist on buying it from you at a price. I refuse to offer to *ADONAI* my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for one-and-a-quarter pounds of silver *shekels*. ²⁵ Then David built an altar to *ADONAI* there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, *ADONAI* took pity on the land and lifted the plague from Isra’el.

When giving our tithe and offering to Yahweh it must cost us something.

Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹ Then Yeshua sat down opposite the Temple treasury and watched the crowd as they put money into the offering-boxes. Many rich people put in large sums, ⁴² but a poor widow came and put in two small coins. ⁴³ He called his *talmidim* to him and said to them, “Yes! I tell you, this poor widow has put more in the offering-box than all the others making donations. ⁴⁴ For all of them, out of their wealth, have contributed money they can easily spare; but she, out of her poverty, has given everything she had to live on.”

When you give... give in secret.

Matthew 6:1-4

“Be careful not to parade your acts of *tzedakah* in front of people in order to be seen by them! If you do, you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² So, when you do *tzedakah*, don't announce it with trumpets to win people's praise, like the hypocrites in the synagogues and on the streets. Yes! I tell you, they have their reward already! ³ But you, when you do *tzedakah*, don't even let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Then your *tzedakah* will be in secret; and your Father, who sees what you do in secret, will reward you.



Wealth vs Riches

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

This is what I have seen to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, drink and enjoy the good that results from all his work that he engages in under the sun for all the days of his life that God has given him, for this is his allotted portion. ¹⁸ ⁽¹⁹⁾ Also, everyone to whom God has given riches and wealth, along with the power to enjoy it, so that he takes his allotted portion and finds pleasure in his work — this is a gift of God; ¹⁹ ⁽²⁰⁾ for he will not brood over the fact that his life is short, since God keeps him occupied with what will bring him joy.

Having wealth is simply having the means to sustain your lifestyle, live prosperously, and to not lack in provisions.

You can be rich, and not be wealthy!

Most people do not live within their means...you can make a 6 or 7 figure income and yet still be broke.

Proverbs 13:7

There are those with nothing who pretend they are rich,
also those with great wealth who pretend they are poor.



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