

Biblical Giving (Pt. 1)

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The Three OT Tithes

1. An annual, mandatory 10% of all produce & animals (Num. 18:21-24; cf. Lev. 27:30)
 - Supported the Levites who ran the government
2. An annual, mandatory 10% of produce for the national religious festivals (Dt. 14:22-26).
 - Supported the national religious worship
3. A mandatory 10% every third year, so an average of 3 1/3% annually (Dt. 14:28-29)
 - Supported the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow

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2. Freewill Offerings (Ex. 25:1-2; 35:4-5, 21-22, 29; 36:5-6; Dt. 16:10)

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B. The NT Believer's Giving (1 Cor. 16:1-4)

1. Is commanded by Christ
2. Should be consistent and systematic
3. Should be primarily through the church
4. Should reflect our financial ability but the amount is our decision
 - a. Our financial ability (1 Cor. 16:2)
 - b. Our cheerful decision (2 Cor. 9:7)
5. Should serve to accomplish God's established priorities for NT giving

God's Established Priorities for NT Giving

1. Supporting missionaries (Acts 13:3; Phil. 4:15; 3 Jn. 7-8)
2. Supporting the ministry of the local church (1 Tim. 5:17; cf. 1 Cor. 9:3-14; Gal. 6:6)
3. Helping those in need (1 Cor. 16:3)