



- The **2nd** Major time in **31** years of Pastoring – teach on Tithing
- This is the **1st** time in **17** years,
- This is Probably the **Final** Time of Teaching on this subject
- **I Don't Teach** unless I have something to say that I have **Never** taught **Before**

Most of you / email - take half the sermon / PP on web

I am so honored that you brought your questions to me. I had MANY of the **SAME** questions at one point in my life.

I have two thoughts that may help you.

1. I would love for you to **meet** with **Pastor Tommy** and **Brandy** to get some **help** with your finances.

Sometimes the Lord allows us to get to the end of our own resources so that we will let others help us. Pastor Tommy and Brandy are full of graciousness, wisdom and joy in helping. To contact them, all you have to do is go to our web site www.LibertyChurch.org and look at the bottom right at the COUNSELING options – you can click on Financial counseling. That will take you to the correct web page. On that page is an

application to fill out & email directly to the Stevensons. They will get back with you quickly as soon as you finish the application.

They are limited by our board to only be able to give \$200 per month per family. However they can give the \$200 a month **multiple months in row**. That is why I would love for you to contact them now – before the end of the year – so they can help you some in December and January.

(Visitor's Chat)

- *Church Finances / Salaries*
- *Benevolence 100 per month - LOVE for you to come to us*
- *Integrity → you & Jesus*

If you are open to this, I would love for you to contact them.

2. Secondly, I would love for **YOU** to study for **YOURSELF** what the Bible says about Tithing.

It is a **HUGE QUESTION** about whether the Tenth/ Tithe is a New Testament “**Command**” or “**Suggestion**”

- If it is a **COMMAND** →
then **Malachi 3** and **Matthew 6** say that Non-Tithing Christians are under a **curse** and are **Renouncing** the Lordship of Jesus in their life by loving money **MORE** than they love God.
- If it is a **SUGGESTION** →
those who teach tithing as a N.T. **COMMAND** are leading God’s people into **Legalism** and that would be a serious **SIN**.
Thus

Thus, the **stakes** are **VERY HIGH**.

That is why I took **15 years** of study before being 100% sure.

When I first began to study, I saw

- **FOUR** things very obviously in the **first** year and
- **TWO** things that took **15** years to study.

The four things I saw in the first year were:

- i. **Every mention of Tithing in the New Testament mentions the Tithe as a **COMMAND**.**

- ii. Jesus said clearly in Mt. 5 says that **NEW** Testament Christians are to live by a **HIGHER** standard than **OLD** Testament Believers

Yet

Every single person I **ever met** who claimed that Tithing was NOT a N.T. command gave **LESS** than **10%**.

Thus, their theology sure looked like a **Cover-up for Greed.**

iii. I studied **all 283** verses on **Money** in the N.T.

- **NONE** of them mention **Prosperity**.
- **Almost all** of them **warn** that **Greed** can deeply Deceive us in our hearts & make us think it is **OUR** money and that we have **CONTROL** thru money (**Drug**)
- They also Warn that Money is the **Greatest Challenge** to Jesus **Lordship**

iv. I've **Never Met** a person who said they could "**Not Afford**" to tithe who **HANDLED** their money **WELL.**

In other words, I **Never Met** a person who was actually **UNABLE** to tithe.

It was obvious to any financial counselor that they simply had violated many financial principles to get themselves into a financial mess and **wanted** to **AVOID tithing – rather** than **Change** their **Lifestyle** and the way they handled money.

(Why we LOVE to help / No Longer - Helpless)

Having **watched** this for **34 years**, I have **still never seen** an **exception** to this.

My two questions that took 15 years were:

1. I wanted to understand O.T. to N.T.

- Since Jesus said so strongly that **Every** O.T. law had to be **Fulfilled** to the Tiniest Detail.
- It is obvious **some** Old Testament laws that **STILL** apply such as the commands to

Honor your Father and Mother.

Do Not Steal

Do Not Murder

Do Not Covet your Neighbor's wife

15 year - Fascinating study / email

The results of the first subject is a four cd series that I would love for you to listen to.

It **BARELY MENTIONS** tithing.....Rather
(Back of Sermon handout)

it studies **15** different O.T. Laws and goes into **great detail** of how the NEW testament explains the **PURPOSE** of each law and Exactly **HOW** they are Fulfilled.

It is an **ABSOLUTELY FASCINATING** study & I think you would love listening to it. It comes with a piece of paper that shows the chart on all 15 laws.

The **second** subject I spent 15 years studying is:

ii. The **LONG** Term **Fruit**

- If **Malachi 3** still applies to Christians → then the **Curse** on **Non-Tithers** should be **Easy to See**. Here is what I have found:
- In 34 years of walking with the Lord, I have **NEVER MET** a single **NON-Tithing** Christian who was **still MOVING FORWARD** spiritually **20** years later. It is deeply obvious that they are under a Curse and that they Pay the Deepest price for their greed.
 - ❖ Most of them TURN AWAY from Jesus.
 - ❖ Some of them remain Christians in name but the price they pay is that they LOSE their Passion for Jesus.

On the other hand,

- **90 %** of people I have known who were committed to Never Steal one penny of God's money (First 10%) for the rest of their lives & who sees the tithe as the subject of Lordship → were **still Growing & Passionate** → 20 years later.
- Tithers are kept safe in their hearts through tithing. This is what **Mt. 6** is explaining when it says that we must **HATE** money to love God and if we **love money** we **HATE** God.
- It is stunning to see **Malachi 3** fulfilled in such details over the lives of approximately **50,000** Christians who I have known well.

Please understand that I am **NOT** trying to **CONVINCE** you of this point.

I really Do **NOT** WANT you to just believe me.

I really want you to study God's Word for **YOURSELF**.

Would you please be willing to listen to those 4 cds. I can have a set waiting for you if you can tell me which service you are attending this weekend – or – you can just go into the cd lending library and pick up a set.

- I would also REALLY Appreciate if you could meet with Pastor Tommy and Brandy.
- I would also REALLY Appreciate if you could please listen to these four cds and give me your feedback on this series.

Thanks again SOO MUCH for giving me the gift of opening your heart to me.

Tons of Blessings,

PJ

1. Is the giving of the first Tenth a **New** Testament **COMMAND** for Christians?

Give
you a

~ **LONG** Answer,

Mt. 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **FULFILL** them.

4 Sermons / 15 O.T. laws

~ **SHORT** Answer & a

2 Basic Divisions

~ **Medium** Answer

Ceremonial Law
&
Moral Law

Mal. 3:8-9

“Will a man **Rob** God? Yet you **Rob** me. “But you ask, ‘How do we **Rob** you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are **Robbing** me

1. Is the giving of the first Tenth a **New** Testament **COMMAND** for Christians?

➤ **Mt. 23:23** Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a **Tenth** of your spices - mint, dill and cummin. But you have **neglected** the **More Important** matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have **Practiced** the **Latter, without neglecting** the **former**.

Ask Question

Is Tithing a **BIG** deal or a **SMALL** deal?

Answer / Ask any Tither

Heb. 7



Hebrews

Heb. 7:8

In the **one case (O.T.)** the
TENTH is **Collected** (notice - II Cor.9:7) by men who die;

but

in the **Other case (N.T.)**

(the tenth is collected) by him who is

Declared to be **LIVING.**

If

If Tithing is a strong **New Testament Command** for Christians
then how does *Malachi 3:8-10* apply to Me.

Will a man Rob God? Yet You Rob Me. “But you ask, ‘How do we Rob you?’

“In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a **Curse** - the whole nation of you—because you are **Robbing** me. 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 you will not have room enough for it.

Tithing is NOT an issue of MONEY !

Can I
afford to tithe?

Write

It is a **Moral** Mal. 1 issue & a **Master** issue Mt. 6:24

1:6 “A son **Honors** his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the **Honor** due me? If I am a master, where is the **Respect** due me?” says the LORD Almighty

Greed
Life Style Changes
vs.
Honoring God

1:8 **Try offering** them to your **Governor!**

Mt. 6:24 “No one can serve **two MASTERS**. Either he will **Hate** the one & **Love** the other, or he will be **Devoted** to the one and **Despise** the other. You can **NOT** serve both **God** and **Money**.

Always wanted to say...

If Tithing is a strong **New** Testament **Command** for Christians
then how does **Malachi 3:8-10** apply to Me.

2 Deny **God's Word – “*You are under a Curse*”**

Horizontal vs. Vertical John 1:1 / Is. 66:2

The Curse

Decades → 50,000 – Not One / Membership (Mountain)

1 Final Thought

LAUNCHING meeting

- Liberty Finances & Benevolence
- this cd plus 2 options

n. week

**NEXT
week**

Feb. 24-26



6 week study of Esther

I take
this
Seriously
&
I will
Study
God's
Word

I did
Already know
this
but I have
been
Stealing
&
I am
Repenting

Thank you
Jesus that I
I am a
Faithful
Tither
& I DO
NOT
Steal
from God

1 Minute - **DEBRIEF**

- Your **Favorite** pt. or what **Helped** you
- **Prayers**



Seekers

&

Salvation



Pastor Johns
Personal testimony 2 cds