

ICG Bible Correspondence Course

Lesson Twenty – Tithing and Giving – Questions and Answers

1] The dedication of ten percent of one's income to God is...

- a) a private act of worship
- b) an act of thanksgiving
- c) a recognition of God as Creator
- d) all of the above **(d)**

2] God owns everything, including all the income we produce. True or False? **(True)**

3] It is God's purpose that man would eventually have rulership over...

- a) Israel
- b) a multitude of nations
- c) the World
- d) the entire Universe **(d)**

4] Tithing is an integral part of the Law. True or False? **(True)**

5] God has a prior claim on the whole content and produce of our lives. True or False? **(True)**

6] Tithing...

- a) builds godly character
- b) shares the message of the Christian life
- c) shares the blessing of the Christian life
- d) expresses love toward God and fellow man
- e) teaches profound spiritual principles
- f) all of the above **(f)**

7] Tithing is a matter between the one who tithes and ...

- a) the ministry
- b) God
- c) the church
- d) all of the above **(b)**

8] Tithing was first introduced to the nation of Israel after they came out of Egypt. True or False? **(False)**

9] There are three distinct uses for tithes in the Bible: supporting the Work of God, attending the festivals of God and caring for the poor. True or False? **(True)**

10] Can a man rob God? Yes or No? **(Yes, Mal 3:6-12)**

11] Complete these verses from 2 Corinthians 9:

- a) he which soweth bountifully shall _____also bountifully.
- b) God loveth a _____ giver. **(reap, cheerful)**

12] Giving of one's financial resources to do the Work of God is an absolute command in the New Testament. True or False? **(True)**

13] After the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD and the discontinuance of the Levitical priesthood, tithing continues to the Church of God. True or False? **(True)**

14] The withholding of one's tithes is...

- a) unfair to other tithe-paying members
- b) inconsequential
- c) a sin **(c)**

15] Members of the church have experienced blessings for faithful tithing and giving. True or False? **(True)**

16] The church is there to enforce and police the member's tithing and giving. True or False? **(False, tithing is a private matter between the individual and God)**

17] Fill in the blanks of this scripture from Proverbs 3:9

Honour the Lord with thy _____, and with the _____ of all thine increase. **(substance, firstfruits)**

18] The increase of one's income is to be determined by...

- a) scripture
- b) God
- c) the church
- d) the individual **(d)**

19] There is nothing in scripture to support deducting tax withholding from determining increase. True or False? **(True)**

20] Whenever the government tax becomes prohibitive, it is proper for the individual to modify his or her increase or tithable base. True or False? **(True)**

21] A key factor in tithing and giving is...

- a) the Law
- b) the church
- c) attitude
- d) a set formula for figuring increase **(c)**

22] The basic tithe on income fulfills our obligation to God. True or False? **(False)**

23] The Word of God commands us to bring offerings before Him on the seven annual Holy Days. True or False? **(True)**

24] Regarding the Festival Fund, which of the following statements are true?

- a) Attendance at annual festivals is mandatory.
- b) The Feast of Tabernacles is held at a few central locations and requires being away from home for eight days.
- c) the church teaches membership to set aside an additional tithe for festival expenses.
- d) the exact percentage of one's income saved for the festivals may be somewhat variable.
- e) if one feels unable to save a full 10% tithe, he should save what he can and still attend.
- f) The precise administration of the festival tithe in both its savings and its spending is the sole responsibility of each individual.
- g) Those who have more than enough funds should make their excess available to those less fortunate. This can be done by sending the excess to headquarters.
- h) a member may wish to take part or all of his Holy Day offerings from festival funds.
- i) the festival fund is not for the church but for the individual.
- j) because of headquarters cost for securing festival sites, the church may request members to send a portion of their tithe to meet this collective church expense. **(all true)**

25] Regarding assistance to the needy, which statements are false.

- a) the primary goal is to develop the godly attitude of giving cheerfully to help one's fellow man.
- b) no blessings are promised nor implied for helping the poor and needy.
- c) Helping the needy could be in the form of time, material goods or money.
- d) the church maintains an assistance fund to which those who can are asked to donate.
- e) even the poor should contribute to the fund for the poor.
- f) to withhold aid when one has the ability to give is often condemned in the Bible.
- g) one cannot consider welfare laws, Social Security or national health programs, i.e. our tax dollars earmarked for the poor in deciding what percentage of his income he shall give to the poor and needy.
- h) we must all, as much as possible go above and beyond the taxes we pay for welfare in taking care of the needy and handicapped.
- i) Deuteronomy 15:7-11 states that we must do more than fulfill the poor tithe.
- j) each individual member must decide what his or her proper contribution should be.

False statements: b, e, and g

b) God does promise blessings for our tithing and giving [Deut. 14:29; Mal. 3:10]

e) this fund should be for the poor, not from the poor.

g) no, one can consider welfare laws, taxes, Social Security, national health programs and the like in determining contributions to the needy.

26] Regarding the "Law of Giving", which of the following statements are true?

- a) God is the greatest giver.
- b) God supplies what could never be repaid.
- c) Giving is at the heart of Christian love.
- d) God gave us His Son, the ultimate example of generosity.
- e) the biblical precept of giving tithes and offerings provides man with an opportunity to emulate this facet of God. **(all true)**

27] Since tithing and giving are a private matter between the individual and God, it should never be used as a

tool to appear more righteous than others because of the amount or how we figure the amount. True or False? **(True)**

28] Everyone should be careful in giving specific advice in matters of tithing to others. True or False? **(True)**

29] Giving is commanded by God. True or False? **(True)**

30) It is the policy of the church to disfellowship a member for not tithing. True or False? **(False, the church has no such policy.)**

31] A truly converted Christian is full of the spirit of giving. True or False? **(True)**

32] God looks on the heart, not the pocketbook. True or False? **(True)**

33] Which of the following statements are false?

- a) tithing is a God-ordained means of giving.
- b) tithing enables the church to spread the knowledge of the Salvation Process.
- c) tithing makes possible material help to hundreds and thousands.
- d) tithing is a natural and living law of God.
- e) one cannot out give God.
- f) the opportunity to tithe is considered a privilege.
- g) tithing is an expression of honor, love and obedience to God and His laws and of outgoing concern toward both the brethren in the church and people in the world. **(all true, none false)**