

Are Christians Commanded To Tithe?

- What is tithing?
 - The word "tithe" comes from a Hebrew (O.T.) and
 Greek (N.T.) word that means "a tenth". Cf. Gen. 28:22
 - To tithe is to give a tenth part of something, in this case as a religious offering.
 - The first recorded case of giving a tithe is with Abram. Gen. 14:18-20
 - The second recorded case is Jacob's vow to God.
 Gen. 28:20-22

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- Tithing under the O.T. Law.
 - Jews were to tithe every year except for the Sabbatical year and the year of Jubilee. Lev. 25:1-12
 - They were to give to God their tithe of all their produce and flocks. Lev. 27:30-32
 - This tithe God had given to the Levites. Num. 18:21, 24
 - Tithing was done once a year. *Deut.* 14:22
 - Tithing was not money, but food. Cf. Mal. 3:8-10,
 11-12; 1:1; Neh. 13:10-12; Deut. 14:22

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- Does the New Testament teach that Christians are to tithe?
 - The issue is not if God commanded Jews to tithe.
 - The issue is IF God has COMMANED Christians TO tithe.
 - Jesus gave instructions to the apostles.
 Matt. 28:19-20; Col. 3:17; 2 John 9
 - The apostles taught the will of Christ for his followers.
 Matt. 10:40; 1 John 4:6; 1 Cor. 14:37-38
 - The apostle Paul instructed concerning financial giving.
 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7

