

*The Widows
Offering*

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*What is the difference
between a
Tithe and an
Offering?*

Tithe

- Literally means “a tenth”
- Introduced by Abraham
- Part of the Hebrew law
- Command of the Lord for the nation of Israel

Origin of the Tithe



Genesis 14:17-20

Hebrew Law



Leviticus 27:30-34

Old Covenant

“The Law”

VS.

New Covenant

Freedom

in the Spirit

New Covenant

(Luke 22:20 NIV) In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

New Covenant

(2 Cor 3:6 NIV) He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

New Covenant

(Rom 7:6 NIV) But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Old Covenant = Tithing
New Covenant = Giving

What is Giving?

It's the size of the heart,
not the size of the gift.

Giving Generously



Mark 12:41-44

Giving with the Heart

(1 Cor 13:3 NIV) If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Command to Give

(Deu 15:10 NIV) Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

(Deu 15:11 NIV) There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

Giving Generously



2 Corinthians 9:1-11

2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Everything is from God

(James 1:17a NIV) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...

Every Need is Met

(Acts 2:44 NIV) All the believers were together and had everything in common.

(Acts 2:45 NIV) Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.