Reasons You Should Stop Tithing

Among pastors there is a terrible abuse of using law tithing to place the church back under the condemnation of the law. This must be stopped. Jesus taught the church of Paul's dispensation a better way of giving without the law.

Below are some reasons you should stop law tithing.

1. We are not under the law of tithing

Tithing was part of the law. We are no longer under it. (Rom 6:14)

2. The law of tithing is weak

A required tithe does not change the heart or the action. (Mat 23:23, Gal 4:9, Rom 8:3)

3. The law tithe is beggarly

Law tithing always requests more. It is not a gift. It is merely fulfilling an obligation (Gal 4:9)

4. The church is not God's covenant people

The old and new covenants were made with Israel and Judah and so the requirements were never intended for Gentiles (Heb 8:8). Gentiles could be blessed by honoring Israel, and worshipping Israel's God.

5. There is no Levitical priesthood today

The most popular tithe today is the tithe that went to the Levitical priesthood (Num 18:21). There is no Levitical priesthood today.

6. The pastor does not replace the priest

Preachers and teachers in the body of Christ church are not priests. Christ is the only mediator (1 Tim 2:5).

7. We do not inherit Israel's land

The tithe given to the Levites was because they had no land inheritance (Numbers 18:21).

8. There are no more temple sacrifices

Since Christ paid it all there is no need to pay (tithe) someone else to do this service.

9. The local church does not replace the temple

Know ye not that you are the temple of God not your building! (1 Cor 3:16)

10. The church does not observe required feast day celebrations

It was three times a year in Deut 16:16. At certain feast days is where the tithes would be offered. One tithe even allowed you to stay home and spend it on what you desired (Deut 14:26).

11. Law tithing requirements were greater than 10 percent

Deut 14:28 is one example of the tithe on the increase every 3 years that was above the regular Levitical tithe. There are other required offerings also according to Mal 3:9.

12. Physical blessings are no longer granted

The law tithe taught physical blessings to Israel from God for tithing (Mal 3:10). Without a covenant with God, a priesthood, a promise, or a temple tithing for profit will not work.

13. Christ has given the church all spiritual blessings

Those blessings are in heavenly places in Christ (Eph 1:3)

14. God provides all our needs without tithing

Phil 4:19 says your needs are supplied according to his riches in glory in Christ. What you need is not physical it is spiritual.

- 15. Law tithing obligates the doer to the entire law Gal 5:3, James 2:10
- 16. Peace with God is attained without tithing Romans 5:1

17. We work to provide for our needs in this dispensation

Paul makes it clear that if we don't work we don't eat (2 Thess 3:10). Mat 6:11 and Mal 3:10 are not effective today. If we do not provide for our own today we are "worse than an infidel (1 Tim 5:8)

18. The tithe was required

Giving today is not "of necessity" (2 Cor 9:7). This is an important distinction between generosity and obligation.

19. The law tithe places you under a curse

If you do not continue tithing then you can be cursed (Gal 3:10)

20. Christ has redeemed you from the law of tithing

Law tithing represents ignorance or negligence of Christ's cross. (Gal 3:13, 1 Cor 1:17, Gal 2:21)

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." – Gal 2:21

Editor's Note:

This resource is not intended to dissuade giving generously to the Lord's causes. God loves generosity as a reflection of your thanksgiving to Him. While this resource explains why Paul's doctrine teaches you to stop law tithing, God does not teach lesser generosity.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." – 2 Cor 9:7