



# MONEY

(DEUTERONOMY 14:22-29)

**A Guiding Principle:** “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 6:24)

**Week One:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Tithing in the Old Testament

- Abraham and Jacob tithed \_\_\_\_\_ the Law was given (Genesis 14:17-24, 28:10-22).
- The Law called for a tithe of agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 18:20-32, Leviticus 27:30-33).
- Israel was rarely \_\_\_\_\_ in tithing (2 Chronicles 31:1-12, Nehemiah 10:32-39, Malachi 3:8-12).

<sup>22</sup> You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. <sup>23</sup> And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. <sup>24</sup> And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there, <sup>25</sup> then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses <sup>26</sup> and spend the money for whatever you desire — oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household. <sup>27</sup> And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

<sup>28</sup> At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. <sup>29</sup> And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do. (Deuteronomy 14:22-29)

### **Deuteronomy 14:22-29**

- Tithing was giving one \_\_\_\_\_ of your gain (Deuteronomy 14:22).
- Tithing was a part of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 14:23).
- Tithing was never intended to be a \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 14:24-26).
- Tithing was part of God's provision for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 14:27-29).
- God did not \_\_\_\_\_ Israel's money (Psalm 50:7-15).

### **Tithing in the New Testament**

- Every reference to tithing in the New Testament is either a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees or a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Old Covenant (Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42, 18:12, Hebrews 7:1-10).
- While the New Testament doesn't prescribe a specific \_\_\_\_\_, it does assume that Christians will be \_\_\_\_\_ people (Matthew 6:1-4, Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-5:11, Philippians 1:3-11).

### **Application**

- Do I think about giving as an act of Christian \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I think about giving as something I \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I think about giving as part of the \_\_\_\_\_?