

## GRACE GIVING

**Request:** Would you please do a study on biblical tithing and explain why NT believers are not under the law of Levitical tithing?

Last week we studied the biblical history of tithing and learned that Levitical tithing was an Israelite inheritance tax for occupying the Promised Land (Deut.12: 5-19; 14:22-26).

This week we will explain why the NT believer is under grace giving and not under Levitical tithing.

**The church age believer is under grace giving because of the following doctrinal principle** – *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”* (2Cor.8:9)

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”* (Eph.2: 8-9) *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”* (2 Cor.9:15)

**This study will list 14 biblical ways that NT believers operate under the doctrinal principle of GRACE GIVING.**

1. **Grace giving is based on one’s appreciation of grace salvation (8:1,5, 9: 9:13).**
2. **Grace giving is listed among the seven great virtues of the CWL (8:7).**
3. **Grace giving is according to one’s ability (means) as he has prospered (8:3,12; 1 Cor.16: 2).**
4. **Grace giving is not commanded but “as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.” (8:8)**
5. **Grace giving is based on the believer’s grace orientation - “readiness to desire and to complete” (8:10-12; 9:1-2).**
6. **Grace giving is part of God’s plan of equality of relief of the necessities of life (8:13-15; 9:12; Phil.4: 19; Rom.12: 13).**
7. **Grace giving is part of God’s plan for church supported missionary work (8:15-24).**
8. **Grace giving administration must be accountable with checks and balances (8:18-20).**
9. **Grace giving is described as “bountiful gift not affected by covetousness.” (9:5-6).**
10. **Grace giving operates under the law of proportional return – “sowing and reaping” (9:6-10).**
11. **Grace giving based on “as he has purposed in his heart” can be associated three attitudes – “not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (9:7)**
12. **Grace giving taps into the God’s supply pipeline (9:8-10; Heb.13: 16; Eph.4: 28) (seed multiplies in the ground not hand or barn/ 9:10-11).**

- 13. Surpassing grace giving affects at least three groups of people: you the giver, saints the receivers, and God the supplier (9:11-14).**
- 14. Grace giving reflects the reality or proof of your grace salvation (9:13-15). “God is the first giver; He first selfishly gives Himself to us in the person of His Son, and all true Christian giving is our response of gratitude for this gift that is beyond description (8:9; 1 John 4:9-11).” (NIV, 2 Cor.9:15)**

**We have just studied fourteen reasons why New Covenant Grace Giving is superior to Old Covenant Levitical tithing.**