

Discipleship Class 14

Wednesday the 30th of July 2008

Bethesda Bible Church



Topic: What about tithe? Is tithe part of the law? Part 2

Facilitator: Pastor Thivha Lidzhade

Time 18h30

Questions dealt with:-

- Do we pay or give tithe?
According to the law, you actually pay tithe, not give. Mal. 3:10
- Can I pay tithe to a church I used to fellowship in or the church where I am fellowshiping now?
I can also ask another question, do you pay rent to your new apartment or the one you use to stay in? It looks like paying tithe is securing membership so that you qualify for church services like funerals and weddings. In our church we experience dual membership where people are also members of churches in their hometowns. These members will post their tithes and make sure that the pastor knows about it so that he should not trouble them by enquiring about the tithe. Who is fooling who? Are we God pleasers or men pleasers?

(Matthew 6:3-4 AMP) But when you give to charity, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your deeds of charity may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Can this explain why people give and do not prosper?

- Should churches keep records of people tithing?
- What about following up those who do not pay tithe?
Giving, including tithe should be done through love, as result keeping a record of those who tithe would also be tantamount to keeping a record of those do not tithe and such victimize them.

(1 Corinthians 13:5 GNB) Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs;

(Exodus 35:5 AMP) Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing and generous heart, let him bring the Lord's offering: gold, silver, and bronze;

(2 Corinthians 9:7 AMP) Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, ``prompt to do it'') giver [whose heart is in his giving]. [Prov. 22:9.]

The idea is that when we tithe it must be done in love and not under the law, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(1 Corinthians 13:3 GNB) I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned ---but if I have no love, this does me no good.

Next week.....

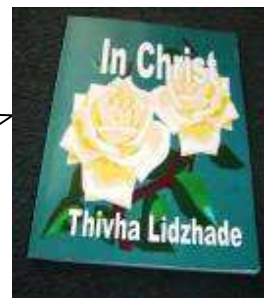
What is the purpose of tithe? How is it to be utilized?

To be continued.....

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Recommended reading:

Discipleship Notes 13 on how tithe was given in the past



Read the book, **In Christ** by Thivha Lidzhade
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If you have not accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and you would like to accept Him, pray this short prayer:

*Heavenly Father, I heard Your Word.
I acknowledge that I am a sinner.
I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
I believe that He died for my sins.
I believe that He was made a curse so I could be the righteousness of God.
I confess with my mouth that He is Lord of my life.
Thank you Lord for making me Your child.
In Jesus' name. Amen!*

**If you prayed this prayer, YOU ARE NOW A CHILD OF GOD!!!
Contact us soon or join a word-based church near you!!!!**