

FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CHRISTIANS
EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

GRACE AND FAITH
THE BASIS OF NEW TESTAMENT GIVING

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Grace and Faith: The Basis of Our Salvation

Ephesians 2: 5

God's initiative

Our response

Grace and Faith: The Basis of the Tithe

Genesis 14: 17-20

Abraham's response to God's goodness

Abraham's belief in God's continuing faithfulness

Genesis 28: 18-22

God's Initiative

Jacob's response

The Tithe as Law

Leviticus 27: 30-34

Deuteronomy 14: 22-29

Purpose of the Law

Benefits of the Law

The Tithe establishes order

Benefits of Tithing

Grace and Law

What is a Christian's relationship to the law? Does Jesus and does the New Testament nullify the law or go beyond it? Do we live under a perspective that says grace *versus* the law, or grace and the law? What does giving under grace mean? Does a life under grace abrogate the tithe? Is tithing an Old Testament standard that has no validity for New Testament Christians?

Teachings of Jesus

Matthew 5: 17-20

Matthew 23: 23

Other New Testament examples

Luke 17: 18-30

Luke 19: 1-10

Acts 2: 43-47

Acts 4: 32-37

Philippians 3: 4-10

What do we learn from these examples?

Grace living and giving do not nullify or invalidate the law but go beyond the law. The tithe is the minimum established by law. Giving under grace should go beyond the tithe. The tithe is the minimum, not the maximum.

No where in the New Testament has the Old Testament law of the Tithe been repealed.

The dichotomy between the Old and New Testament regarding the eternal and essential truths of scripture is false. There is a consistency in the word of God, regarding the Old and New Testaments. The word of God is the word of God, both Old and New Testaments.

Is the tithing of Money the only way we give as Christians under grace?

The Tithe of Time

The Weekly Tithe

The Tithe of Talent

Service *versus* Pay

Giving Under Grace