

# The Myth about Tithing

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One of “The Big Rocks” in our lives is that our spiritual condition cannot be separated from our attitude and actions toward money and possessions.

Luke 18:18-23

**Questions:** Do you identify with the rich young ruler? In what ways? What are some differences?

**Tough question to consider:** Do I really have to give away everything I own to follow Jesus?

The hidden implication: the rich young ruler would have already been a **very generous** man. The New Testament was written from a Jewish worldview: tithing is assumed. How do these verses support this? Like 18:11-12;

Luke 11:42

If “sell all you possessions ...” is what Jesus said to the rich young ruler, what would he say to the Canadian Christian about the way we handle our money?

**Question:** What do you think Jesus would ask you personally?

Is tithing a Christian “myth”? Is it just an Old Testament requirement of the law?

The Old Testament ceremonial laws have been fulfilled in Christ. Other Old Testament laws have been transformed and intensified by Christ.

Examples: Matthew 5:27-28; Luke 14:33

“The fact is that every New Testament example of giving goes beyond the tithe. This means that none falls short of it.” Randy Alcorn

**Questions:** How have you looked at grace as permission to live below the standards of the law? How has grace empowered you to soar above the law?

We talk like tithing is the Mt. Everest of Christian stewardship. It’s really the training wheels.

**Questions:** Where are you at in the journey of tithing? What is your story of growth in this area?

**Questions:** What if the real danger isn’t legalism but idolatry (loving money more than Jesus – Luke 18:24)? What effect(s) does that perspective have on this topic of tithing?

Ephesians 5:5; Luke 12:34

**Questions:** If how I handle my money reveals who I worship, what does it show me? Do I worship the things of this world?

Disclosures:

- The Pastor gets paid by the church.  
1 Corinthians 9:14
- Ministry costs money ... and church people are the source.
- We’re in a reno project.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 says we still need to talk about it.