

The Christian and God's Money

Why Give?

Under the Law

- The tithe supported the service of the tabernacle. Numbers 18.20-32
- The tithe supported the poor and needy. Deuteronomy 14.28-29
- And the New Testament mandates both concepts:
 - I Corinthians 9.14
 - Romans 15.26

But those are descriptions of use. Why
has God set up the entire system of
giving?

An expression of worship

- Genesis 14.1-24
- Hebrews 7.1-9
- Consider first—the greatness of the patriarch (the “first father”) Abraham
- Then, consider the greatness of Melchisedec

- Deut 12:6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:
- Deut 14:23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

- Pro 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

An expression of faith

- Pro 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
- Pro 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
- Malachi 3.10-11

- Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.
- II Corinthians 9.5-11

An expression of grace

- II Corinthians 8.1-2
- I Timothy 6.17-19

Philippians 4.14-19 seems to blend
all 3 expressions

- 4.15-17: An expression of grace
- 4.18: an expression of worship
- 4.19: an expression of faith