

WORSHIP

THROUGH

GIVING

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Give thanks and praise for the bodily death of our Lord Jesus

Our salvation

Romans 10:9-10 John 3:16

Gives us the life-giving Spirit

1 Corinthians 15:45

Paid the penalty for our sins

Romans 6:23 John 1:29 2 Corinthians 5:21

Our bodily healing

Matthew 8:16-17

Put our names in the Book of Life

Luke 10:20 Revelation 20:15

Sanctifies us and set us apart

Hebrews 10:10

Places us in His body

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27 Colossians 1:18

HOLY COMMUNION

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Give thanks and praise for the shed blood of Christ

Forgives us our sins

Colossians 1:14 Ephesians 1:7

Sealed the New Covenant whereby we

have access to His grace for all our needs

1 Corinthians 11:25 Hebrews 13:20

Cleanses us from the defilement of sin

Hebrews 9:22 2 Corinthians 7:1

Gives us life

Hebrews 9:14-15

Covers the ground previously given

to the evil one due to our sins

1 John 2:2 Psalm 32:1

Overcomes the evil one

Revelation 12:11

Reconciles all things in our lives

in heaven and on earth

Colossians 1:20

TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



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1. WHAT does it mean to worship through giving?
2. HOW do we worship through giving?
3. WHY should we worship through giving?

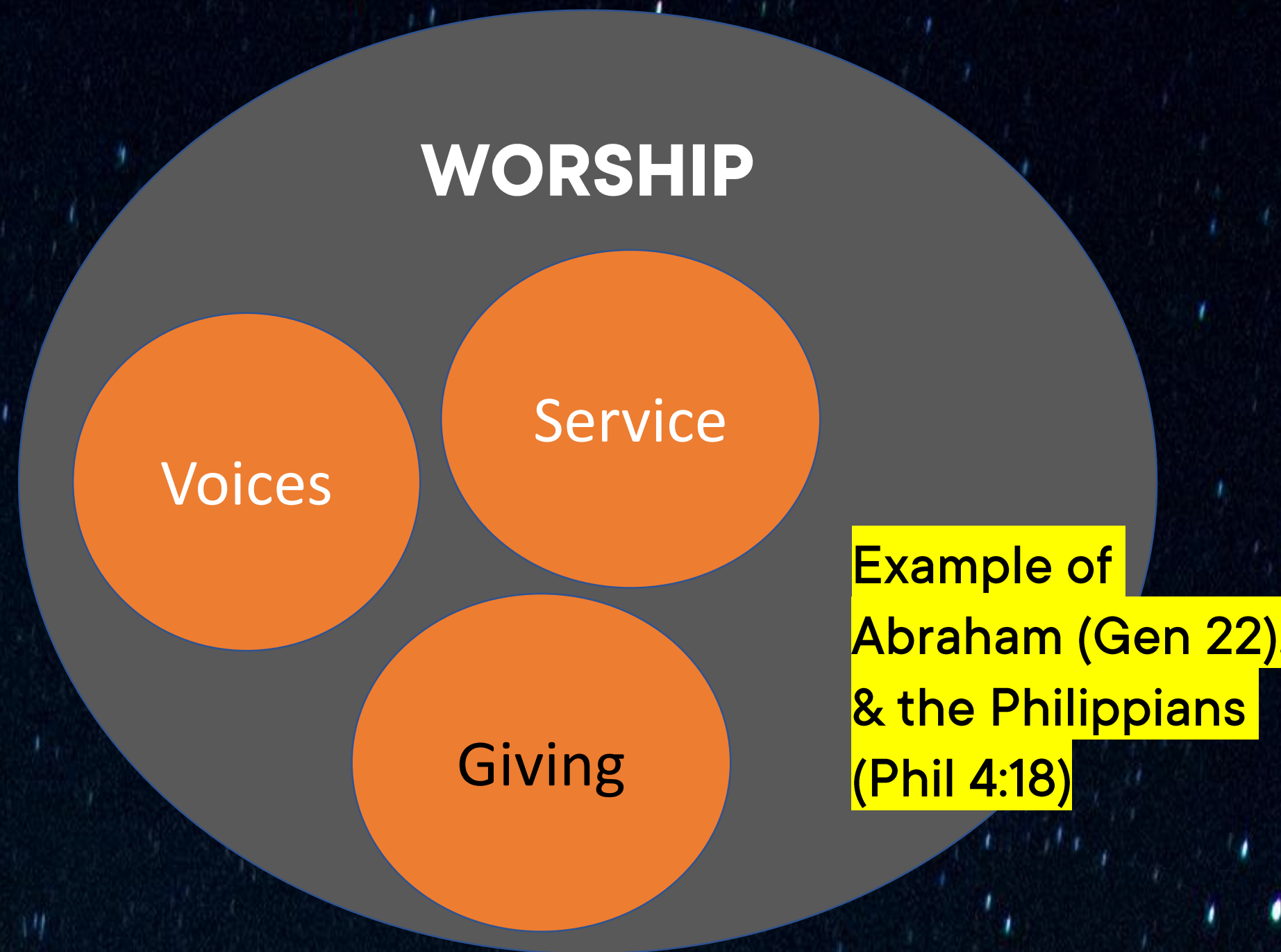
“It is the pleasing of God
that is at the heart of worship.”

R.C. Sproul

Genesis 22:5-6

⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac...



Philippians 4:18

¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Numbers 18:26

²⁶ Thus speak to the Levites, and say to them, When you take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.



2 Corinthians 8:7

⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Does **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING** = **TITHING**?

First mention of tithing *Genesis 14*



Abraham



vs



King of Sodom

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²⁰ And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Tithing before the law *Genesis 28:20-22*

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that You give me **I will give You a tenth.”**

Tithing becomes law *Leviticus 27:30-31*

³⁰ A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

³¹ Whoever would redeem any of their tithe must add a fifth of the value to it. ³² Every tithe of the herd and flock—every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod—will be holy to the Lord.

Tithing becomes law *Leviticus 27*

3 specific tithes

1. Tithe for self-consumption
2. Tithe for the poor
3. Tithe for the Priests/Levites

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Numbers 18:20-21

²⁰ The Lord said to Aaron, “You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites.

²¹ “I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the tent of meeting.

Tithing becomes a struggle

From Moses to the time of Jesus, the Jews struggled on and off to keep the law, including keeping the tithe.

- Priests struggled with being content with the tithe
- People struggled to give the tithe in the right spirit

Tithing becomes an extreme sport

Matthew 23:23

²³ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practised the latter, without neglecting the former.

New Covenant Giving

- As Gentile believers in Christ, we are not required to pay any of the 3 tithes as per the LAW:

Judaism [edit]

Main article: [Tithes in Judaism](#)

Orthodox Jews continue to follow the biblical laws of tithes (see [above](#)) to a limited extent. As understood by the rabbis, these laws never applied and do not apply outside the [Land of Israel](#). For produce grown in modern Israel, the tithes are separated but not given, as no Jew can prove they are a priest or Levite and thus entitled to the produce. Instead, a custom has arisen to tithe 10% of one's earnings to charity (*ma'aser kesafim*).^{[20][21]}

New Covenant Giving

- The new testament does not contain any specific commands for Gentile Christians to tithe
- Instead, Christians are instructed to give generously.

Does this mean that tithing is not relevant for us today?
What about the voluntary tithe?

Tithing as worship *Hebrews 7:4-6*

⁴ Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! ⁵ Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

TAKEAWAYS

- God has attached spiritual significance to the tithe.
- The giving of the tithe declares the superiority of one party over another.

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YES

NO

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NO because the 3 tithes under the law is not binding for us.

YES because **tithing is one expression of worship through giving**, because the voluntary giving of 10% of what God has given us has spiritual significance to God.

What does it mean to worship through giving?

TO HONOUR GOD

- Give with the purpose of acknowledging God as greater than ourselves.

TO PLEASE HIM

- Focus is on delighting God rather than what God will give us in return

What does it mean to worship through giving?

In both Abraham and Jacob's examples, they gave:

- Voluntarily
- Not to receive but after they had already received
- Proportionately on different bases
- To honour and please God

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The key to **worship through giving**
is our **personal relationship with God.**

This is expressed through:

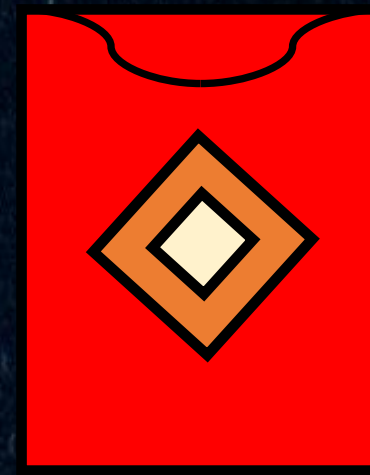
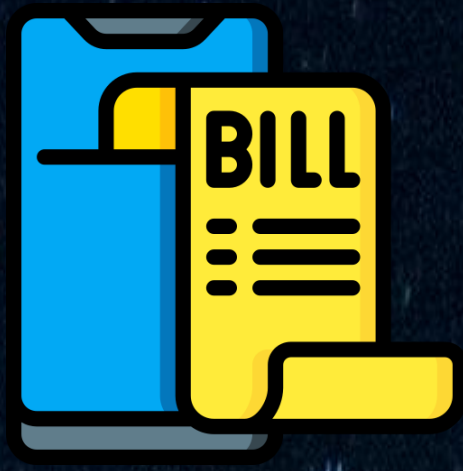
- Our attitude/posture
- Our gift

Our attitude/posture

- Without **faith** it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6)
- God loves a **cheerful** giver (2 Cor 9:7)
- **Humble**: Everything comes from the Lord, and we are only giving what already comes from Him (1 Chron 29:14)
- **The more we know and experience God, the more our giving will be done in faith, humility and joy**

Our gift

- Amount
- Timing



The heart of the issue

If you have a lot of money but no relationship with God, you will never be able to worship through giving.

But if you have a deep personal relationship with God, you will still be able to worship through your giving even if you do not have a lot.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap **generously**. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have **decided** in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver.

1 Corinthians 16:2

²On the **first** day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up **as he may prosper**, that there be no collections when I come.

How do we worship through giving?

POSTURE

Humbly, Cheerfully, in Faith, Voluntarily, Intentionally

GIFT

- Amount: Generous/sacrificial, in proportion to how God has blessed us
- Timing: First priority, Regular

Change in mindset

Worship through giving is not an income tax.

Nor is it a wealth tax.

It is not investing in God's kingdom.

It is about having a heart of worship.

Where should we give to?

Numbers 18:24

²⁴ For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance.

Acts 5:3,4b

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 ... What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

Where and when should we give?

- Wherever God directs you to give in the Kingdom of God – especially the local church where you worship
- Before, during or after the worship service

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2. It is **warfare** for our souls
3. God is **worthy** of all our worship

1. It is a win-win situation.

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

- **When we give, we earn rewards in heaven.**

Philippians 4:17

Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account

- **When we give, God will also give to us.**

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

- **When we give, our hearts draw closer to God.**

Matthew 6:21

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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Abram's response *Genesis 14:21-23*

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself."

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.'

Luke 16:13

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

“Worship is an act of war
against the enemy of our heart.”

Holley Gerth

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Jesus is our High Priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Instead of ordinary bread and wine,
Jesus' body was broken for us, His blood was shed *for us*.

**How much more should we worship God
through our giving?**

We should worship through giving because
God is worthy of all our worship.

