

# Give Away The Ending - D.J. Horton

## 1 Corinthians 16:1-12 (ESV)

**We've come to an important ENDING**

**Giving away the ending...**

- 1.The Gospel is about Moving
- 2.The Gospel is about Loving
- 3.The Gospel is about Giving

**Giving has never been more important in the life of our church.**

**Giving to the cause of the gospel should be done...**

- Periodically
- Personally
- Purposefully
- Proportionately

### **A theology of tithing**

God gave man the command to tithe (10 percent of one's income) as a part of the Old Testament law. It actually was more than 10 percent in certain cases (Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30).

It was the starting place for followers of God to give. There are multiple examples of God's people meeting the tithe and then exceeding it out of faithful and generous hearts (Exodus 35:21-22; 36:5-6; Deuteronomy 16:10; 1 Chronicles 29:9-10, 16).

Christ's life, death, and resurrection brought completion to the Old Testament law (Galatians 3:10-14). Since the cross, all believers are under God's grace but are still required to walk with God by faith, just as the Old Testament believers were.

### **A theology of tithing**

It cannot be taught that tithing is a requirement to know or follow God. Faith in Christ is the only requirement to know God personally. However, when Christ becomes someone's Lord, then he or she will desire to conform every area of his or her life to His will, including in finances (Mark 8:34-35).

Jesus offers an affirmation of tithing in his rebuke of the Pharisees in Matthew 23:23. He does not say that tithing is to be neglected, but that it is supposed to come from a heart of justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

Giving under grace should come from a grateful and cheerful heart as a result of what a person has been given through Christ. However, it should also be based on a sacrificial standard proportionate to someone's income (1 Corinthians 16:2).

By acknowledging the Old Testament pattern of giving and accepting the New Testament gift of grace, it can be concluded that 10 percent of your income is a healthy, biblical starting place to a life of giving by faith .  
 "No New Testament believer under grace should be out given by an Old Testament believer under law." -Dr. Adrian Rogers

**We give because He gave.**

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