

## **Bible Plan for the Support of God's work – SW**

There is only one right plan of church finance, and that is the plan of tithes and freewill offerings as laid down in the Bible.

**1SW – Deuteronomy 8:18.** We are to remember God in both earning and spending our money, for we are able to earn our money only as God gives us strength, breath, and life to work from day to day.

**2SW – Leviticus 27:30,32.** ALL the TITHE is the LORD's, and it is HOLY unto the Lord. Verse 32 says that this tithe is the TENTH PART, which is holy unto the Lord. This means that one tenth of all the money we earn is the Lord's tithe. This one tenth is not ours, it is the Lord's – it is holy unto the Lord. This one tenth is God's holy portion of our money income, just as the seventh day of each week is the Lord's holy portion of our time. In order to obey His commandments, we are to render this tenth of our money to the Lord as tithe for the support of His work, just as we are to render to Him the seventh day of each week as the Lord's Day.

**3SW – Palms 24:1.** Everything in this world belongs to God. All the gold and silver is the Lord's, Haggai 2:8. Each one of us, with all that we are and have, is the Lord's. Since He owns us, the world, and all that is in it, then most certainly He has a right to ask rent. One tenth, therefore, is due Him for the use of His goods, for the breath, strength, and life that He gives us, that we may earn money day to day.

**4SW – Numbers 18:20,21.** God has decreed that this one tenth or tithe is to be used as a living or support of His ministers. No one has any right to use the tithe for helping the poor or the sick, etc. We should help them out of our nine tenths after the Lord's tithe has been taken out. The tithe is the Lord's, and He is the only one who has the right to say how the tenth shall be used.

**5SW – 1 Corinthians 9:13,14.** God has ordained that they who preach His Word shall be supported by the tithe of the income of those who accept His Word, in the same way as the Levites under the Mosaic system were supported.

**6SW – Matthew 23:23.** The Pharisees were very strict in their payment of tithe, but they were lax in their observance of weightier matters: showing justice and mercy, and faith. Jesus said that they OUGHT to pay tithe, but they should not leave these other things undone. So this means that Jesus Christ indorsed tithe paying as a part of the duty of every person.

**7SW – Deuteronomy 16:17.** In addition to rendering to God the tenth as His special holy part of our income, we should give freewill offerings from the nine tenths, as we are able.

**8SW – Proverbs 3:9,10.** God's part should be taken out FIRST. Note in verse ten how those will be blessed who will thus put God first.

**9SW – Malachi 3:8.** Those who do not render the tenth of their income to the Lord, and offerings as they are able, are guilty of robbing God, and transgressing the eighth commandment, which says, "Thou shalt not steal". No thief or robber who persists in stealing will ever get to heaven, 1 Cor. 6:9,10.

**10SW – Malachi 3:9-10.** Nine tenths with God's blessing is better than ten tenths without a blessing.

**11SW – Luke 16:10-12.** If we are faithful in rendering to God His part of our goods in this world, He will give us true and everlasting riches in His better world in the future.