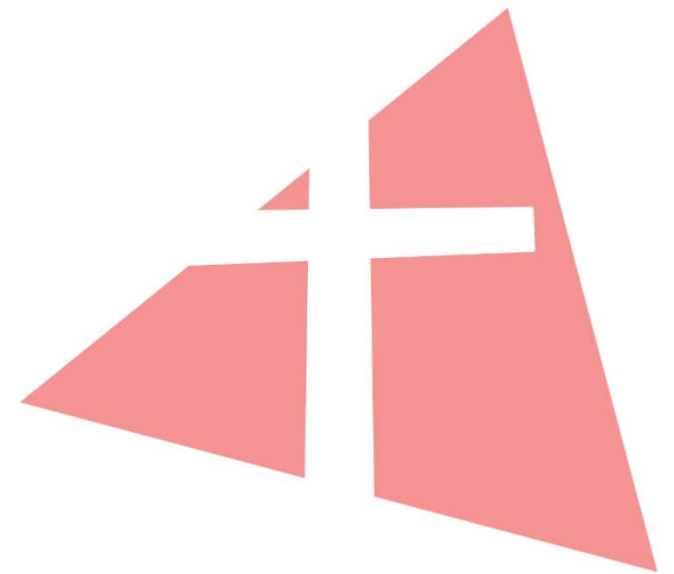


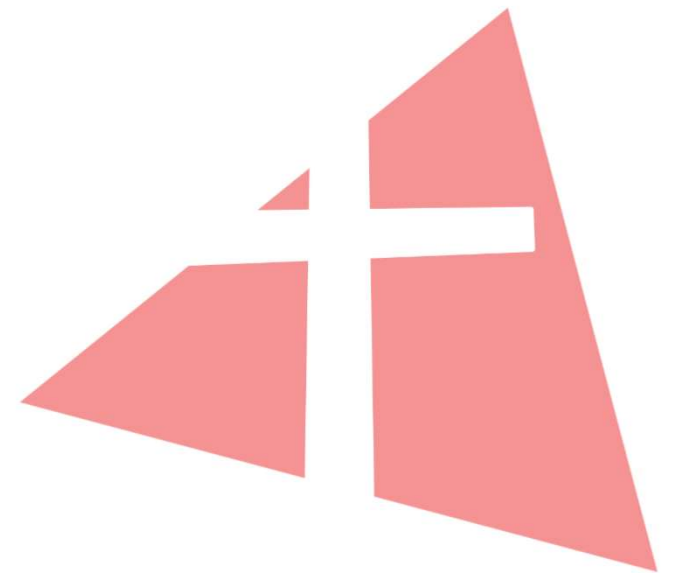
Money (Part 3)

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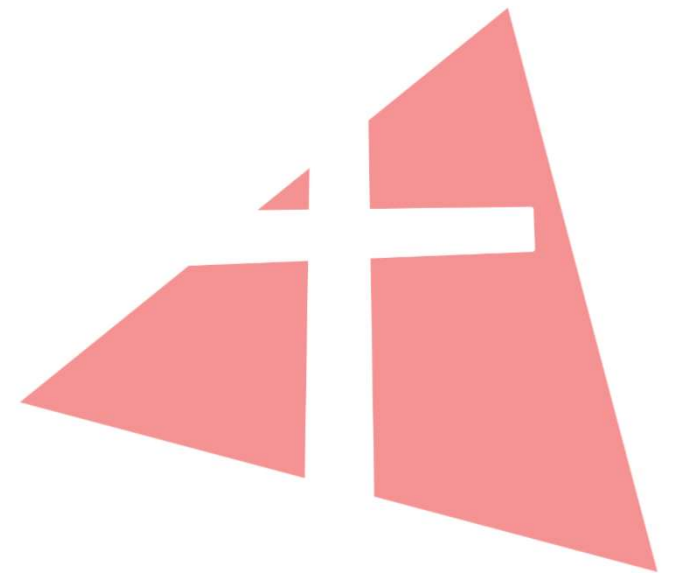
So far

- **Our view of money**
 - God owns everything
 - We are managers of God's possessions
- **God provides for all our needs**
 - Our job is not to provide for ourselves
 - Our job is to be obedient



Managing money

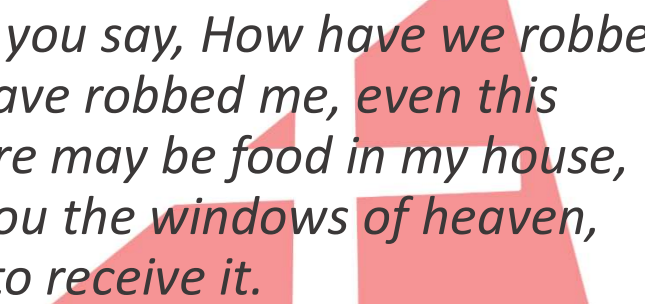
- Giving
- Saving
- Budgeting the rest



In the OT

Deuteronomy 14:22 You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year.

Malachi 3:8-10 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, How have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.



In the OT

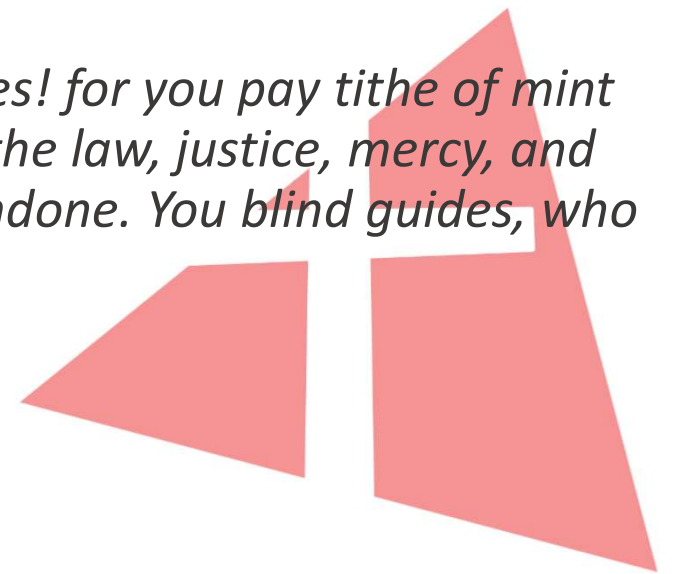
2 Chronicles 31:4-5 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD. And as soon as the commandment was spread abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.



In the NT

- **Jesus commanded us to continue tithing**

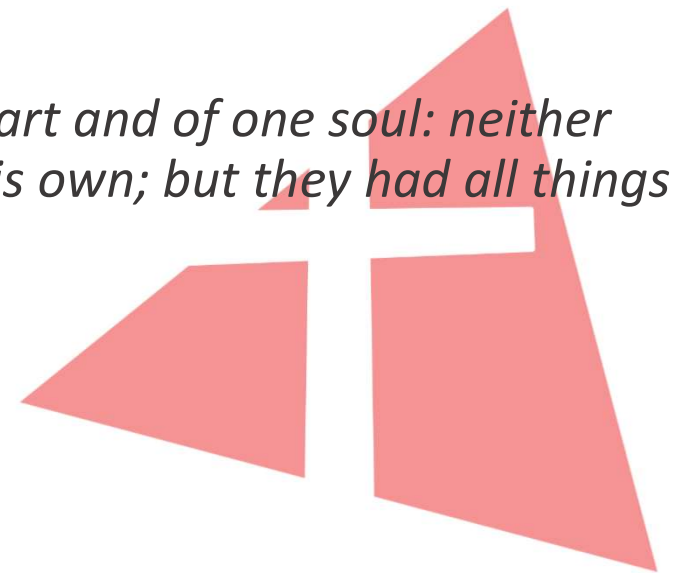
Matthew 23:23-24 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone. You blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel.



In the NT

- **The Bible teaches us to be generous beyond the tithe**

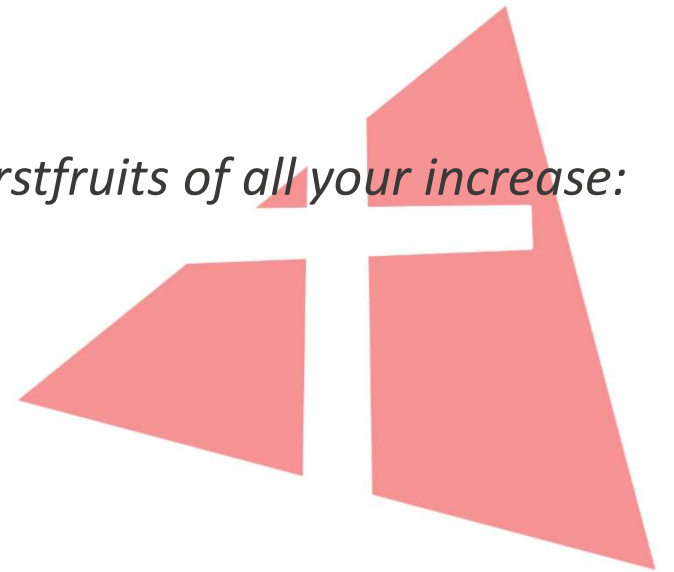
Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.



Which part to give?

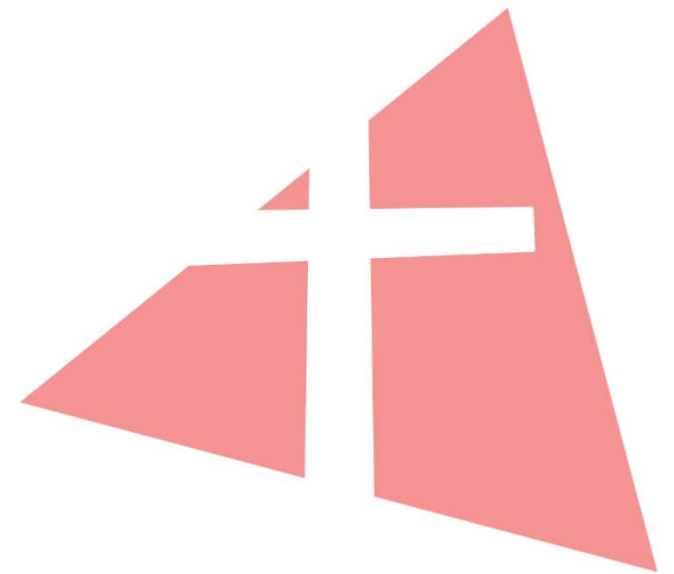
- **The firstfruits**

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase:



Gross or net?

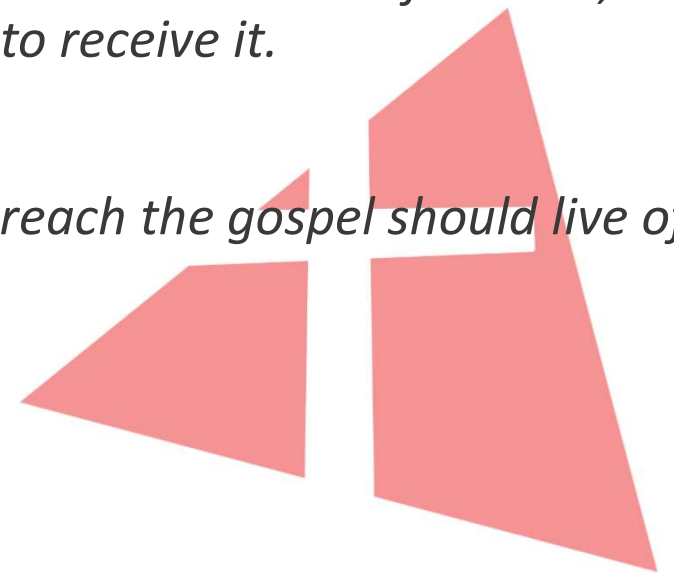
- **10% of all our income**



Who do I give to?

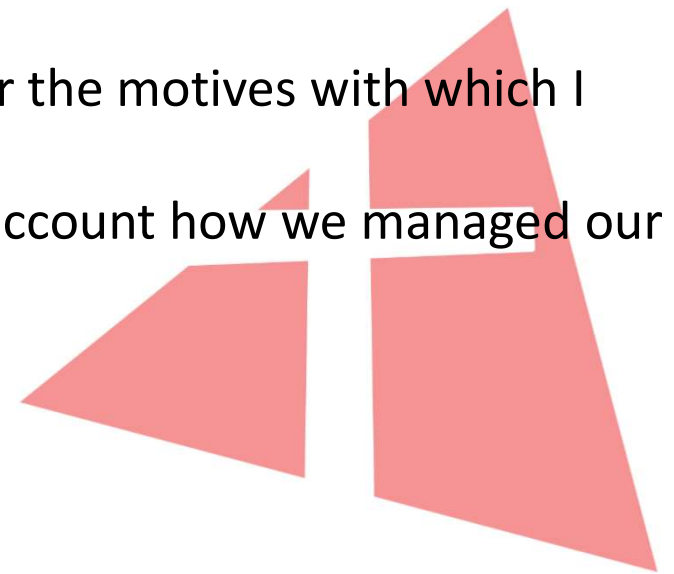
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1 Corinthians 9:14 Even so has the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.



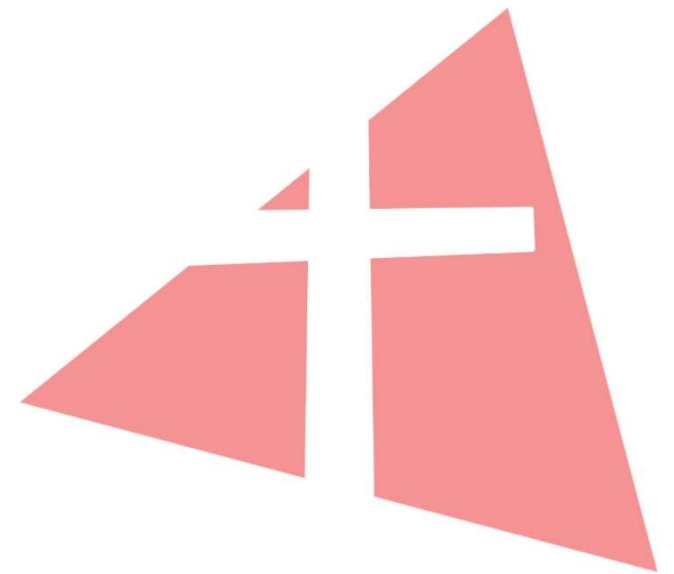
Conflict of interest?

- **The church has to teach on tithing**
- **Our job is to discern whether this teaching is Biblical**
 - I'll one day stand before God and have to give an account for the motives with which I taught
 - All of us will one day stand before God and have to give an account how we managed our money



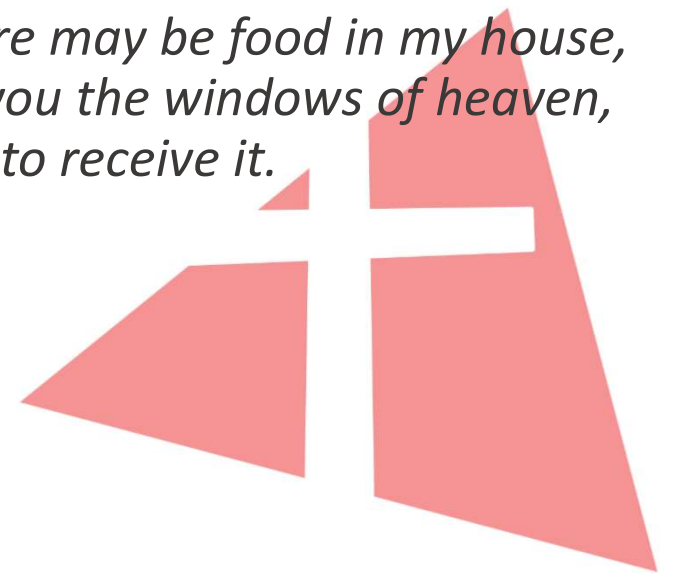
Aletheia's practice

- **We want to be as transparent as possible**



Result of giving

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Where is our trust?

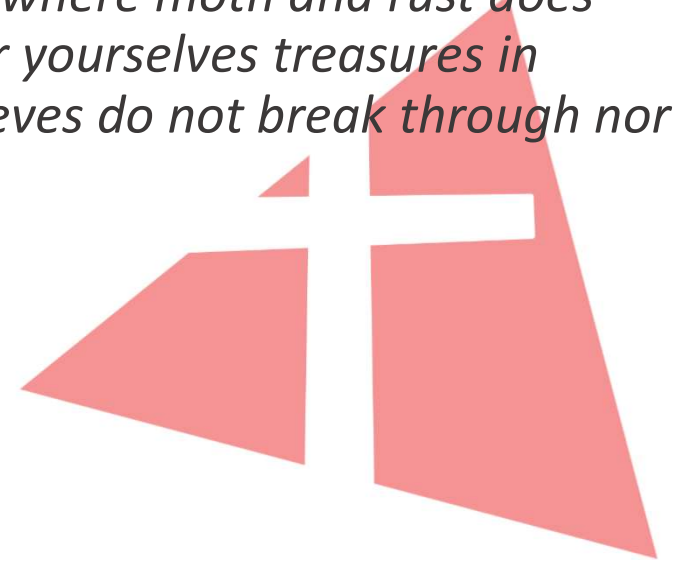
- **Tithing is a major indicator whether we put our trust in God or money**

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.



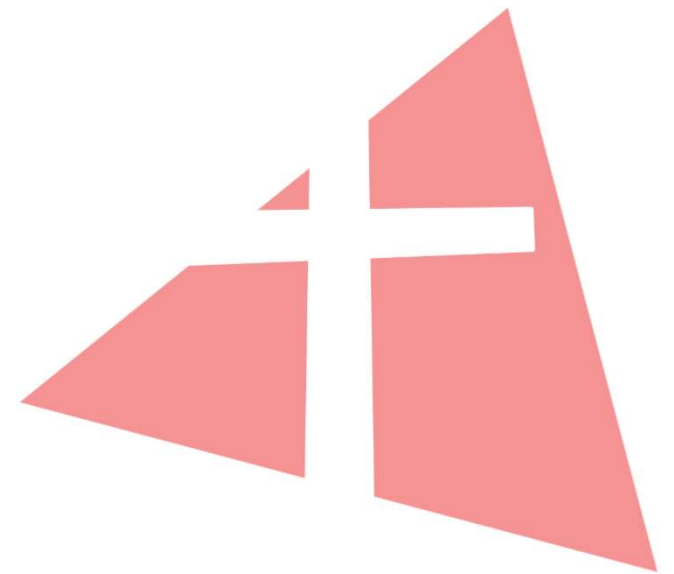
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Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



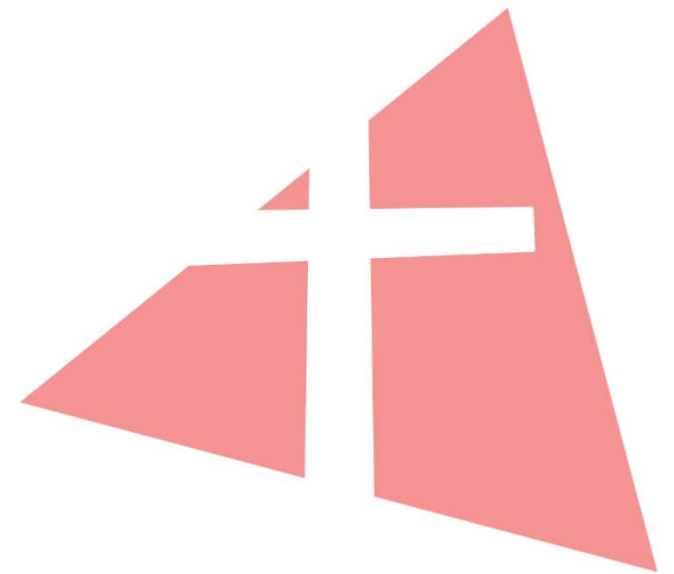
Tithing

- Tithing is not about “giving back to God”
- Tithing is about our hearts



A quote from another Pastor

We don't want something from you. We want something for you



God's heart

- God gave much more than the tithe

