

Nehemiah: Giving to the Church

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³⁸ A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury. ³⁹ The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and olive oil to the storerooms, where the articles for the sanctuary and for the ministering priests, the gatekeepers and the musicians are also kept. "We will not neglect the house of our God. Nehemiah 10:38-39

SUMMARY:

The house of God is not where God dwells. We know that. It does represent a time and a place and a central focus of life. When the Lord established the Israelites in the wilderness the "tent-tabernacle" was in the center of the camp. When the temple in Jerusalem was first built by Solomon it was the "center" of Jewish life. While the kingdom of God is not built on buildings the work of God through Christ was centered on worship in the temple. Giving of the resources we've been entrusted by God to the "temple" and the "temple servants" is God's plan for mobilizing resources for God's kingdom purposes

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- ❖ What does tithing teach us ?
- ❖ How has your view of tithing to the church developed in your Christian experience?
- ❖ Are those who serve in your church well taken care of financially?
- ❖ What is under "neglect" at your church and what are you doing for the Lord to change it?

APPLICATION:

- ❖ Take action on what the Spirit of God has spoken to you about today.
- ❖ Set aside in your heart the determination to tithe. Start this week.

Pray –"Father, you deserve the best I can give because all I have comes from your gracious hand. Forgive me for clinging to my possessions, my time, and my money. Help me to see the importance of giving you the first fruits of my labor. Teach me what it means to make you the Lord of my life."

ON YOUR OWN...

Please Read & Meditate On The Word:

Matthew 6:2, 33

Proverbs 3:9

Luke 21:1-4