

**A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP**  
**CE Fall, 2015**  
**Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Class #4**

**Tithes, Offerings, and Taxes**  
**Pre-Reading: Blomberg, Chapter 5**

“There is perhaps no part of divinity attended with so much intricacy, and wherein orthodox divines do so much differ, as stating of the precise agreement and differences between the two dispensations of Moses and Christ [on tithes and offerings].” Jonathon Edwards

I) Introduction

II) Tithes and Offerings

A) The Pentateuch

Gen. 14:17-24

Ex. 25:1-9

Dt. 14:22

B) The Historical Books

1 Sam. 8:10-18

2 Chron. 31:4-6

C) The Prophets

Amos 4:1-5

Mal. 3:6-10

D) The New Testament

Mt. 23:23-24

How many NT passages support continuation of the tithe as normal Christian practice?

E) Writings of the Church Fathers and Reformation Theologians

### III) Taxes

A) The “Temple Tax”

B) Civil Taxes (and extent of the Christian’s obligation to pay them)

C) Effect on Christian Giving

#### **IV) Related Questions About Christian Giving (“FAQs”)**

A) Gross or Net Income?

B) Local Church or Parachurch Organizations?

C) Withholding Offerings to the Local Church?

D) Non-Christian Charities?

E) Indebtedness (permitted or prohibited, and how does it affect Christian giving)?

**V) Application Questions**