In God We Trust, part 4

"The ABCs of Giving"

Selected Texts

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I. Description of the Rich

A. Alms
Leviticus 19:9-10

B. Offering
Numbers 15:3
Ezra 1:5-6

C. Tithe
Genesis 14:18-20
Genesis 28:20-22
Leviticus 27:30, 32
Malachi 3:8-10

Tithing commits us to <u>believing that God is center of our lives</u>.

II. Questions

A. Is tithing still valid today?
Matthew 23:23

Everyone agrees <u>that the principle behind tithing is still valid today</u>.

B. Why ten percent?
Numbers 18:24

The tithe allowed <u>Israel to maintain the centrality of a worship community.</u>

C. What if I can't afford it?
Exodus 34:22-23, 26
Proverbs 3:9

Giving from <u>the first of our fruit (revenue) communicates that everything we have is from God</u>.

Cell Group Discussion Questions

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1. What did you learn about giving from your parents?

2. Do you believe Christians should tithe as a "minimum"?

3. If not tithing, what do you believe the Bible teaches about our minimum starting commitment in giving?

4. How can you practice "first fruit" giving (Proverbs 3:9)?