

<u>Generosity through History (Genesis to Revelation)</u>
Sunday, November 2, 2025

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34 NKJV

"The message [on generosity] overall was excellent, including the 5 questions to ask yourself. The 'why' was made clear. What I didn't hear was a mention of the JOY that comes from sacrificial generosity! There's no greater joy than that which comes from giving! Nothing I can spend money on compares! The many listeners to this message who haven't yet committed to sacrificial generosity NEED to know that joy comes from giving! They don't know what they're missing! We have to make them aware! The giver receives more than the recipient!"

Are you experiencing the joy of giving?

God owns everything Money is a tool Loving money is evil

Why aren't we talking about time too?

Tithes, Offerings, & Alms

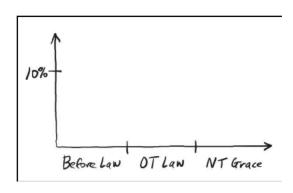
- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Leviticus 7:37, 26:32
- Acts 3:2, 11:29-30
- Tithes your 1st 10%'s to God
- Offerings over 10% to God
- Alms Directly to people

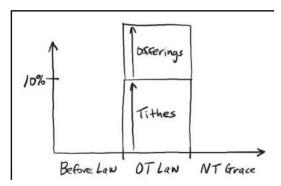
"I like sharing what I have. I think it's true, the verse that says it's better to give than to receive. There's a lot of joy in giving. Especially not just to keep it for yourself, to be able to give to someone who... it's a real struggle for them. People have blessed us too, so it's wonderful to be able to bless others back."

Tithing 10% is not required for today

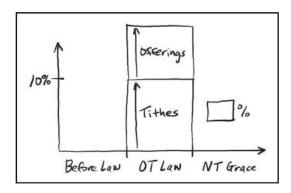
Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law... Galatians 3:13 NKJV ...you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 NKJV

Where does the Bible say we are free from the Old Testament law?





but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality. 2 Corinthians 8:14 NKJV



Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. Genesis 14:18 NKJV

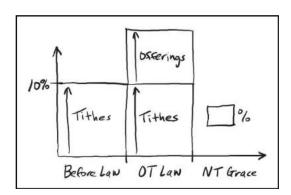
And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; Genesis 14:19 NKJV

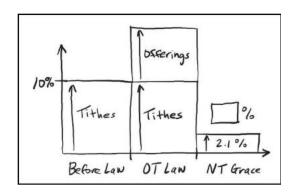
And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all. Genesis 14:20 NKJV

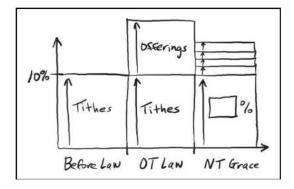
Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, Genesis 28:20 NKJV

so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. Genesis 28:21 NKJV

And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." Genesis 28:22 NKJV







Are you experiencing the joy of giving?

What if I don't feel like giving?

Where does the Bible say we are free from the Old Testament law?

First of all, those who have not yet received Jesus Christ as Savior are still under the law (which is a horrific thought):

Romans 3:19-20 - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

<u>1 Timothy 1:8–11</u> - But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that <u>the law is not made for a righteous person</u>, <u>but for the lawless and insubordinate</u>, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Second, the reason they are still under the law is to reveal them their need for Christ (that they could never be good enough on their own):

<u>Galatians 3:21-25</u> - Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But <u>before faith came</u>, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. <u>Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ</u>, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Third, once a person receives Jesus Christ, they are set free from the law:

Romans 6:14–15 - For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Romans 7:1-4 - Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

<u>Galatians 3:24-25</u> - Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

<u>Galatians 4:9-11</u> - But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

Galatians 5:18 - But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<u>Colossians 2:13-17</u> - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was

contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

Finally, once a person is freed from all laws, we are freed up to submit ourselves to the Lord out of love:

<u>1 Corinthians 6:12</u> - <u>All things are lawful for me</u>, but all things are not helpful. <u>All things are lawful for me</u>, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

<u>1 Corinthians 9:19-23</u> - For though <u>I am free from all men</u>, <u>I have made myself a servant to all</u>, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; to those *who are* without law, as without law (<u>not being without law toward God</u>, <u>but under law toward Christ</u>), that I might win those *who are* without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with *you*.

<u>1 Corinthians 10:23</u> - <u>All things are lawful for me</u>, but not all things are helpful; <u>all things are lawful for me</u>, but not all things edify.

<u>Galatians 5:13-14</u> - For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only <u>do not use liberty</u> <u>as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another</u>. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This Week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

Nov 2 – Heb 7, Family Focus – Heb 7:23-28

Nov 3 – Num 14, Family Focus – Num 14:20-29

Nov 4 - Reflection & Prayer

Nov 5 - Heb 8, Family Focus - Heb 8:1-5

Nov 6 – Heb 9, Family Focus – Heb 9:11-17

Nov 7 – Heb 10, Family Focus – Heb 10:19-25

Nov 8 – Heb 11, Family Focus – Heb 11:1-3

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Memory Verse: ""God keeps us safe." Psalm 4:8 (adapted for toddlers)"

Heart of the Lesson: I'm So Glad That God Keeps Us Safe

Parent Connect: Today we learned about the gladness we feel that God keeps us safe. Sit around the dinner table and have each family member give an idea of how God keeps them safe and why they are happy about it.



In this series, we will learn about Daniel in the Lion's Den, Esther, and the Israelites rebuilding the temple and how each person required courage to stand up for God's way. God gives us courage!

Memory Verse: "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!" Psalm 31:24

Heart of the Lesson: Trust God | Daniel 6

Parent Connect: This week we made bag lions as our craft after we learned about Daniel in the Lion's Den. Hang up your bag this week and remind your kid when you see it to Trust God just like Daniel did!



God gives! God's generosity is one of the key themes that runs throughout the entire Bible. From God giving us life in Genesis to God giving us His one and only son in the New Testament, in this series, we are going to explore generosity in our own lives using what God has already given us.

Memory Verse: You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Heart of the Lesson: God gives the church a mission | Matthew 22



God gives generously. He gave us everything, and our generosity is a response of thankfulness for who He is and everything He has done. What does it look like for a 5th-6th grade student to be generous with their time.

talents, and treasures? How does God want us to share Him with those around us and those around the world? In this series, we'll explore what it means to live generously, giving because God first gave to us.

Memory Verse: "And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Heart of the Lesson: God gave the church a mission – Acts 1:8, Acts 13:1-3

Parent Connect: This week we learned about some of our Grace church plants who are sharing Jesus in the United States and around the world. We also talked about our 4 current church planters: Brahian, Caleb and Abby, Andrew, and Mark. Who is one church planter who you can commit to praying for? You can find more information at visitgracechurch.com/churchplanting