

The Bible and Money ...

The New Covenant

Doctrine of Giving:

Does tithing apply to Christians?

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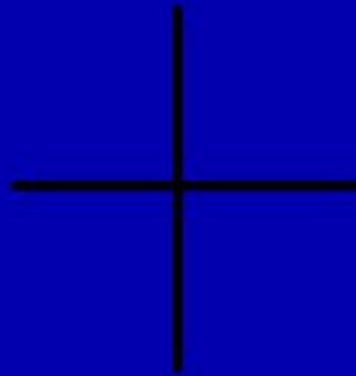
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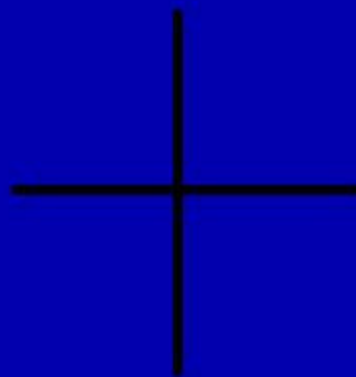
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Wheelchair-Bound Woman Kicked Out Of Church

Dismissal Turns Into Talk Of Ohio Town

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WAVERLY, Ohio -- A **65-year-old** wheelchair-bound woman with **congestive heart failure** was kicked out of her church **because she was not paying her tithe**, NBC 4 reported. Loretta Davis told NBC 4's Mike Bowersock she was shocked when she received a letter saying she was no longer considered a member of her church, The Living Word Tabernacle. Davis made an agreement with the church that she would give 10 percent of her income. **Then she became ill** and stopped making payments, so the church revoked her membership.

“Since Jan. 5, I've been in the hospital 15 times,” Davis said.

“I've suffered with cellulites since I've had the open heart (surgery).” Davis is no longer paying the church \$60 per month from her \$592 per month Social Security check, Bowersock reported. “I have my tithes that I was supposed to pay, but I have not paid them since this has went on,” Davis said. “In the time of (Davis') need, they should be caring, supporting, asking what she needs -- help her if she needed help,” said Teresa Meeks, who is Davis' daughter. “I was so hurt on what they did to her.” The church moved out of its building in Waverly earlier this year and Davis' dismissal has become the talk of the town, Bowersock reported.

In a letter to the editor of the local paper, the former pastor said it is true that Davis ***lost her membership for not paying her tithes***. In the same letter, he said Davis was not kicked out of the church for not paying her tithes. The Rev. Paul McClurg, who started the church, said Davis is still welcome to attend church but is not allowed to be a member. The issue upset Davis' 83-year-old mother so much that she quit the church. The members have been holding services in a Lion's Club hall while waiting to build a new church. There are at least two former members who will not be attending with them.

Questions to answer

Are Christians required to give tithes?

Should someone who fails to pay the tithe be disciplined?

What is the true standard of giving?

Outline for Teaching

Part 1: *Deconstruct Tithing*

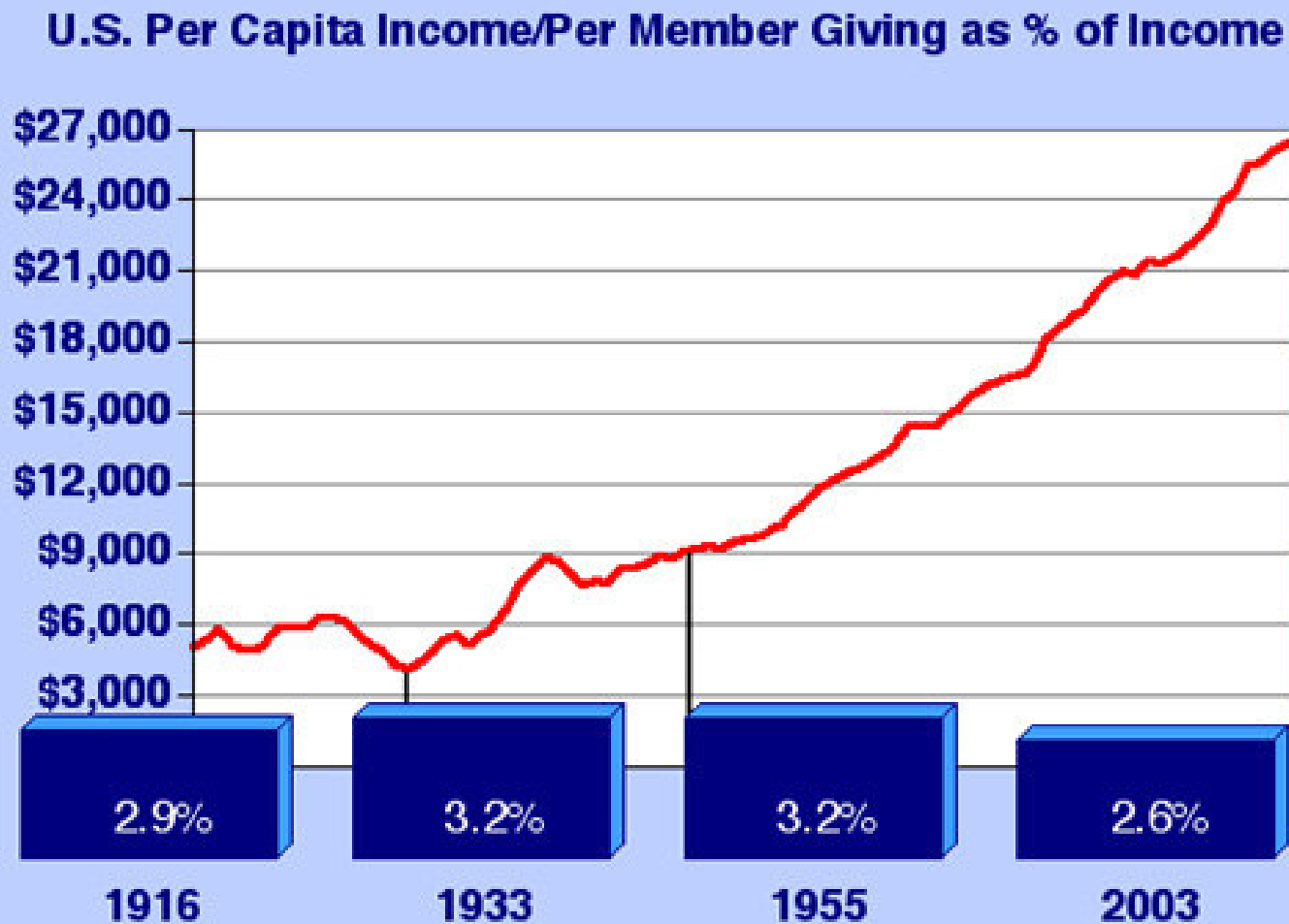
Part 2: *Reconstruct of Model of Giving for Christians*

DECONSTRUCTING TITHING

Why focus on deconstructing tithing?

Before a new model for giving can be accepted, the old model must first be completely and utterly rejected. Because of the old model, that of giving ten percent, Christians tend to use it as a minimum or guideline. They tend to fall back into the “ten percent rut.” Thus, a complete embrace of the new model can only occur when the old model has been totally rejected.

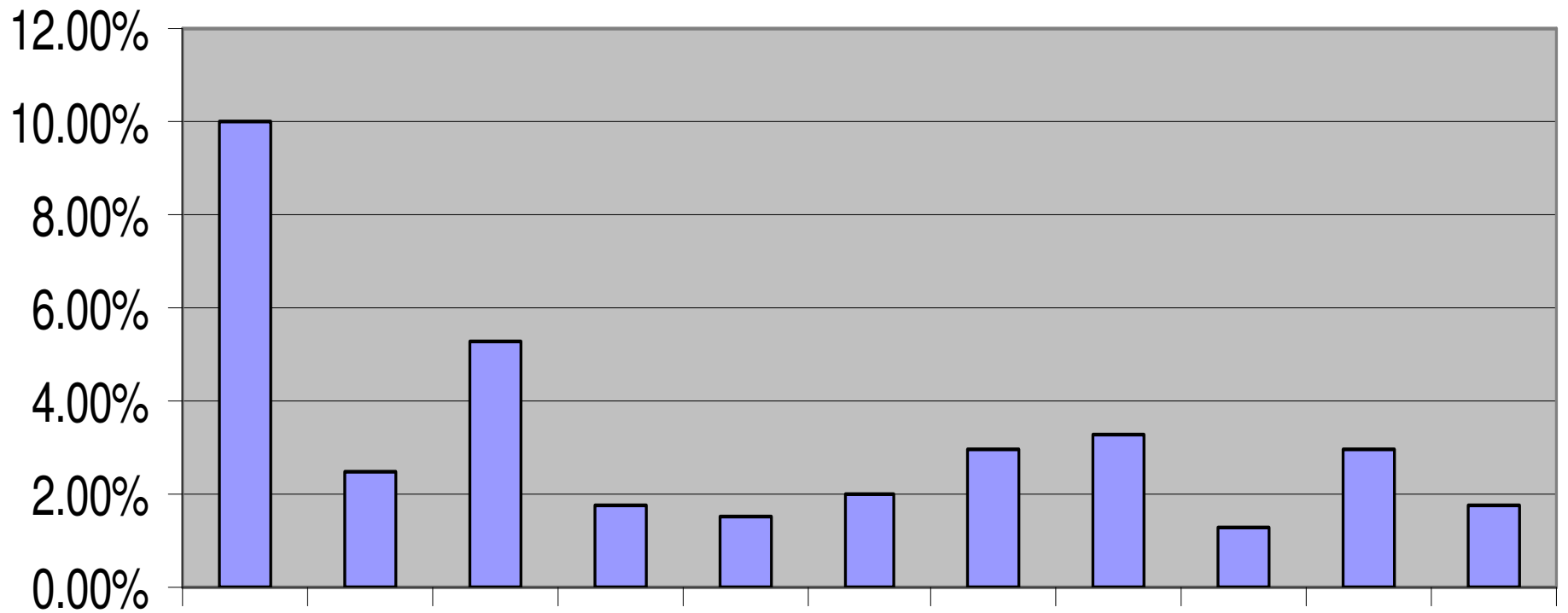
THE INADEQUACY OF THE TITHING MODEL



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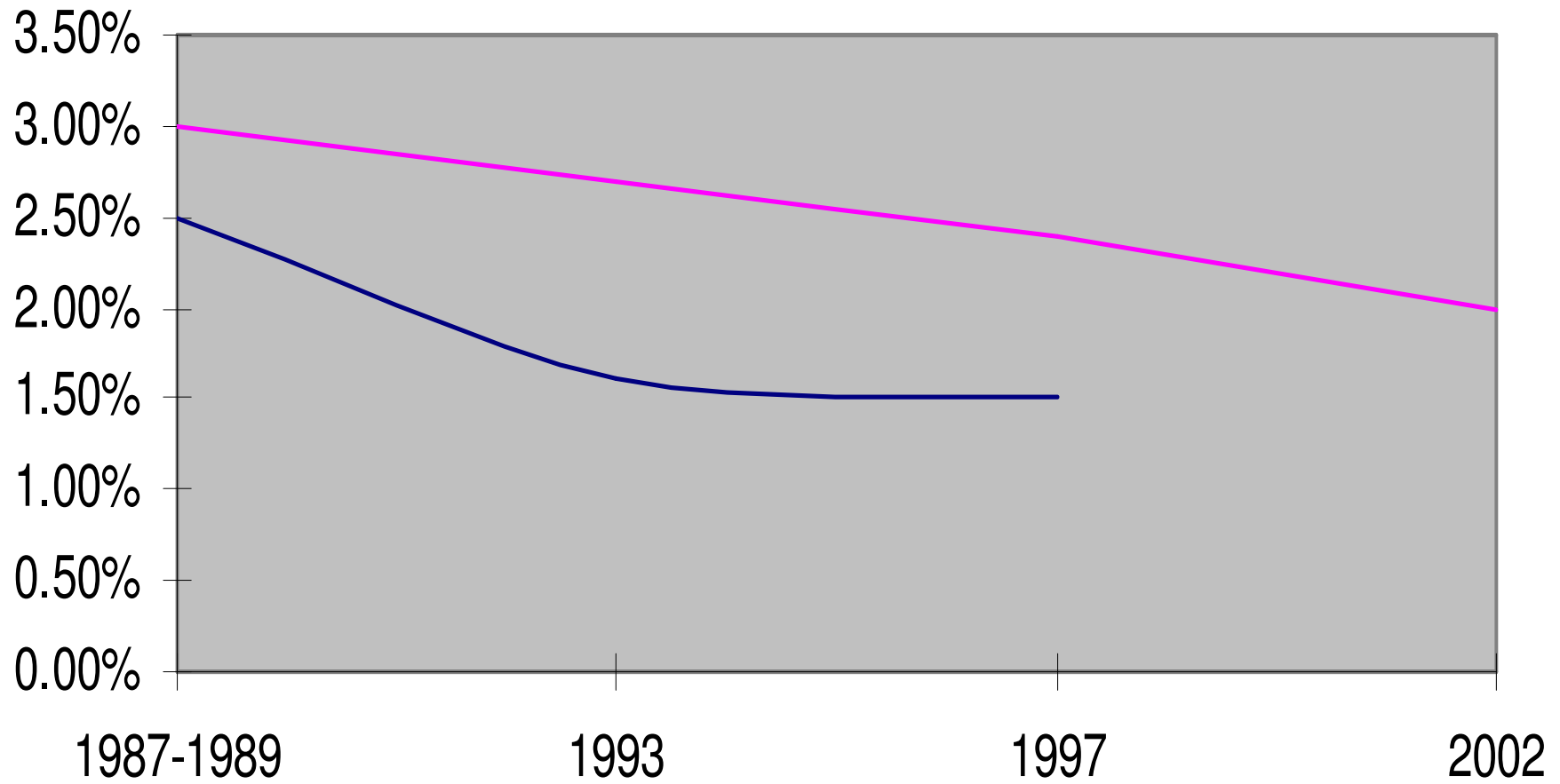
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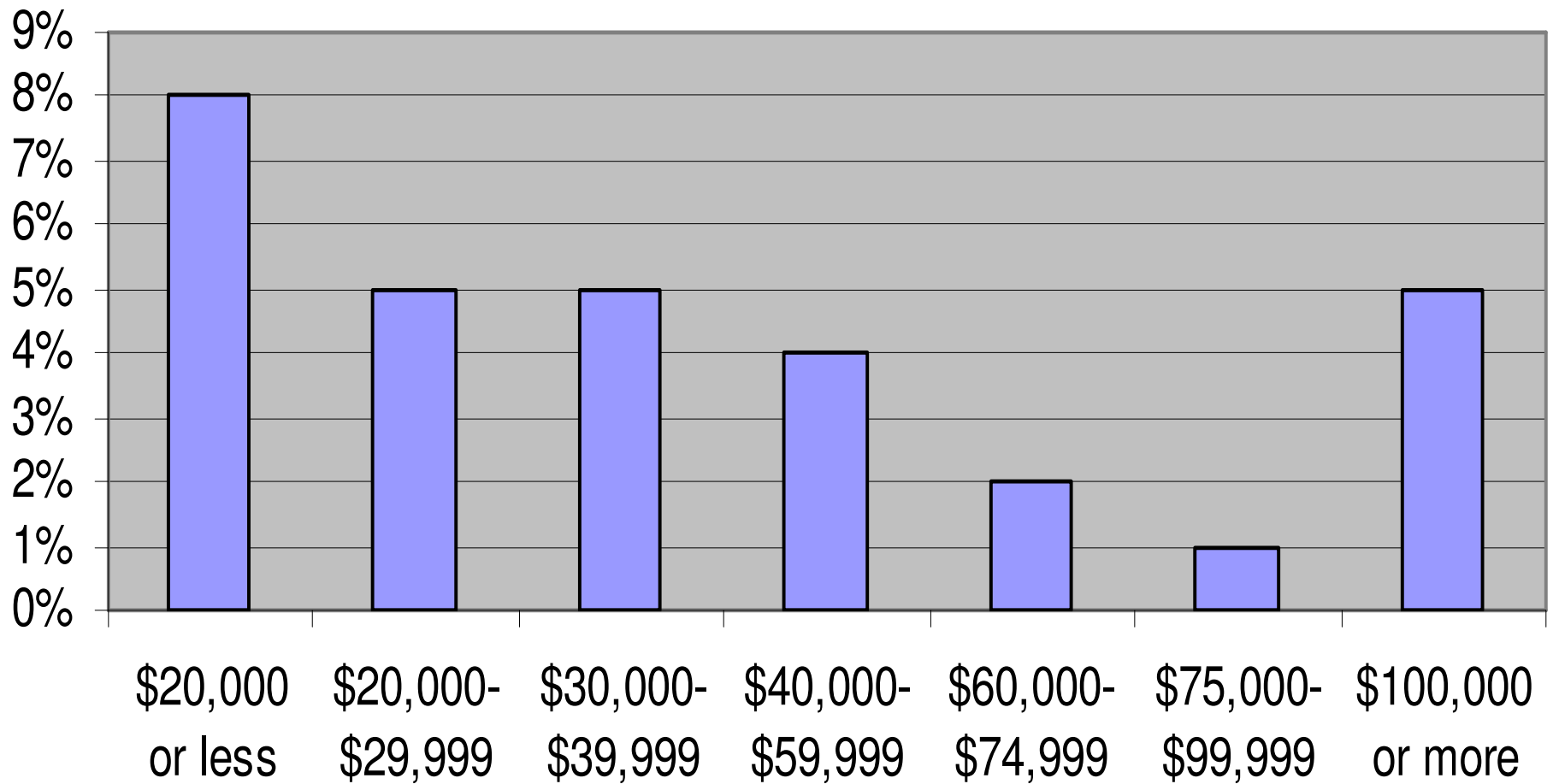
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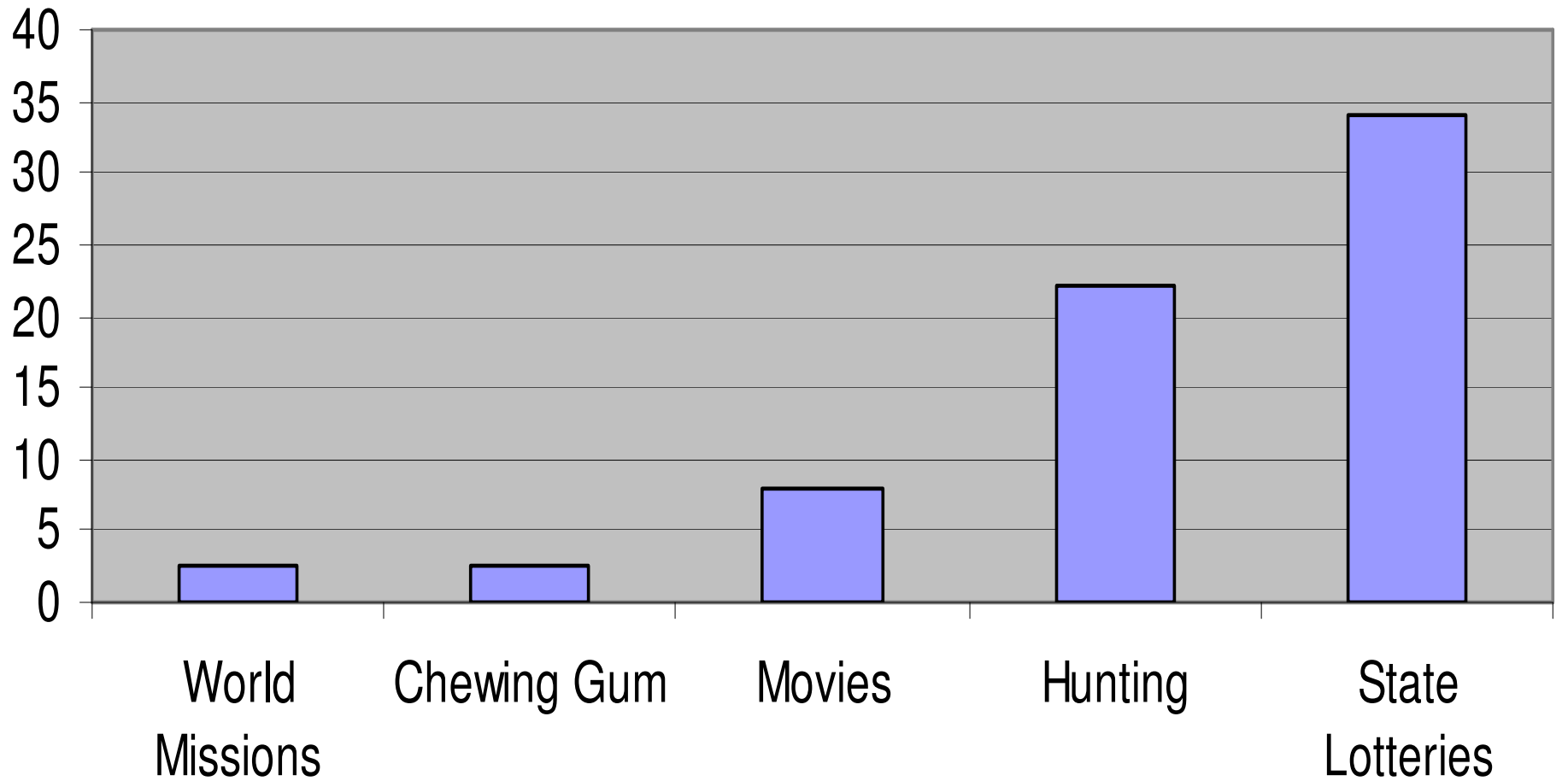


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The "Lord if I just made a little more" Chart



Money Spent by Americans



■ Amount Spent (in billions)

Miscellaneous Thoughts on Giving

- The average donation by adults who attend U.S. Protestant churches is about \$17 a week.
- Overall, only 3 to 5 percent of Americans who donate money to a church tithe (give a tenth of) their incomes though many more claim to do so.
- Here is one of the unwritten laws: 20 percent of the members give up to 80 percent of the annual budget. In most cases, 50 percent or more give little or nothing.
- Even among born-again Christians, 6 percent tithed in 2002, compared with 14 percent in 2001, the survey shows.

Miscellaneous Thoughts on Giving

- Among evangelicals - defined for the survey as people who believe they have a personal responsibility to share their religious beliefs about Jesus with non-Christians - 9 percent tithed, according to the survey.
- In 2000, 12 percent of born-again U.S. adults tithed regularly to their churches. In 2001 it was 14 percent and in 2002 it fell to 6 percent.
- In 2001, more than half of wealthy people (54 percent) said tax benefits induce them to give.

Miscellaneous Thoughts on Giving

- Reformed Evangelicalism: Regarding the tithe, in spite of their grace-centered theology, many Reformed churches default to teaching the tithe as the standard for Christian giving. We suspect that Reformed churches, like all other churches, so struggle with motivating their people to give that they have taken hold of a clear biblical command, which seems to promise leverage for motivation.
- Dispensational Evangelicalism: Regarding the tithe, although dispensational theology teaches that Old Testament institutions generally do not apply to the New Testament church, many dispensational churches teach the tithe as a rule for Christian giving. We suspect that dispensational churches, like all other churches, so struggle with motivating their people to give that they have taken hold of a clear biblical command, which seems to promise leverage for motivation.

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Giving:

Church and State:



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Church and State: Israel did not separate the religion from the government like America does; neither did many Christians in much of Church history.

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G. Campbell Morgan concluded that the basic New Testament principle of giving is that Christians ought to place all their resources at God's disposal since God has manifested His grace by putting His resources at Christians' disposal.



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ONE DOLLAR ... LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR
THE SERMON ON TITHING AGAIN

Twenty Arguments Supporting Tithing

Deceptively Attractive Arguments

1. Argument from the Garden of Eden
2. Continuity Argument
3. Concession Argument
4. Exceeding Righteousness Argument
5. Anecdotal Argument
6. Tithing as the Eleventh Commandment

"YOUR TITHE IS CRUCIAL TO MY RETIREMENT PLANS."



PASTOR RON DECIDED TO QUIT BEATING AROUND THE BUSH.

Twenty Arguments Supporting Tithing

Unconvincing Arguments

7. Argument from Abel
8. Historical Argument
9. Pragmatic Argument
10. Argument from the Sabbath
11. Argument from Malachi 3

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12. Jerome's Argument

13. Argument from Jesus' Example

14. The Caesarian Argument

Twenty Arguments Supporting Tithing

Arguments Deserving Consideration

15. Argument from the Mosaic Law

16. Argument from Hebrews 7

17. Argument from Jesus' Teaching

18. Moral Law Argument

19. Argument from Paul's Teaching

20. Argument from Natural Law

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

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Pre-1870 List

Negative Evidence

Clement of Rome (ca. 100)

Didache (ca. 100)

Justin Martyr (100–165)

Tertullian (160–230)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Pre-1870 List

Ambiguous

Irenaeus (130–200)

Constantine (ca. 325)

Huldreich Zwingli (1484–1531)

John Calvin (1509–1564)

John Knox (1514–1572)

Jonathan Edwards (1703–1758)

John Wesley (1703–1791)

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834–1892)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Pre-1870 List

Against Tithes being binding on Christians

Didascalia Apostolorum (ca. 225)

Epiphanius (370)

Thomas Aquinas (1225–1275)

John Wycliff (1328–1384)

John Huss (1373–1415)

Erasmus (1466–1536)

Martin Luther (1483–1546)

Anabaptists (particularly the Swiss) (ca. 1525)

John Smyth (1609)

Puritans and Pilgrims of Massachusetts (17th century)

John Cotton (1585–1652)

Roger Williams (ca. 1636)

John Milton (English; 1659)

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Pre-1870 List

Against Tithes being binding on Christians

Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658)

Particular Baptists (England; 1660)

John Owen (English; 1680)

Francis Turretin (Geneva; d. 1687)

John Bunyan (Baptist; 1628–1688)

Quakers (England; 1768)

Adam Clarke (ca. 1762–1832)

J. Newton Brown (Baptist; 1836)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Pre-1870 List

Advocate Tithing

Clement of Alexandria (150–215)

Apostolic Constitutions (4th century)

Synod of Gangra (ca. 350)

Hilary of Poitiers (366)

Basil of Caesarea (370)

Ambrose (374)

Cassian (410)

Isidore of Pelusium (450)

Caesarius of Arles (490)

Eugippius and Severinus (ca. 510)

Second Synod of Macon (585)

Pope Gregory the Great (600)

Egbert (750)

Pipin (750)

Synod of Rowen (unknown; probably 879)

Charlemagne (779)

Offa, King of Mercia (8th century)

Edward (1050)

William the Conqueror (1066)

Bernard of Clairvaux (1139)

Matthew Henry (1662–1714)

Charles Leslie (English; 1700)

Increase Mather (1639–1723)

W. Bohun (English; 1731)

James Gambier (English; 1794)

Richard Belward (English; 1782)

W. Edmeads (English; 1811)

Cotton Mather (1833)

Charles G. Finney (1792–1875)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Pre-1870 List

Advocate tithing, but as a compromise

Origen (186–255)

John Chrysostom (375)

Jerome (385)

Augustine (400)

Anastasius Sinaita (544)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Tithing Renewal List

Advocate Tithing

A. W. Miller (Presbyterian; 1873)

William Speer (Presbyterian; 1875)

Thomas Kane (Presbyterian; 1876)

A. J. Gordon (1877)

A. T. Robertson (1886)

Kenrick Peck (English barrister; 1891)

N. L. Rigby (1895)

George D. Watson (1896)

S. B. Shaw (1897)

Joseph Parker (; 1900)

E. B. Stewart (Presbyterian; 1903)

Charles Cook (Baptist; 1903)

Charles William Harshman (1905)

Henry Lansdell (1906)

John Wesley Duncan (1909)

George W. Brown (1911)

Arthur V. Babbs (1912)

John Albert May (1919)

Martha F. Bellinger (1919)

Frank H. Leavell (1920)

P. W. Thompson (1920)

James A. Hensey (1922)

Luther E. Lovejoy (1924)

Julius Earl Crawford (1926)

Monroe E. Dodd (Baptist; 1929)

William R. Rigell (1930)

Emmet Fox (New Age; 1931)

Patrick J. Sloan (Catholic; 1932)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Tithing Renewal List

Advocate Tithing

A. T. Robertson (SBC; 1934)
P. E. Burroughs (SBC; 1934)
John D. Freeman (SBC; 1935)
John E. Simpson (1935)
Clarence Edward Macartney (1936)
Herman C. Weber (1938)
Oscar Lowry (1940s)
Ralph Spaulding Cushman (; 1942)
Leewin B. Williams (1945)
J. E. Dillard (SBC; 1947, 1953)
W. L. Muncy, Jr. (1949)
George A. E. Salstrand (1952)
Orval D. Peterson (1952)

Billy Graham (SBC; 1953)
Merrill D. Moore (Baptist; 1953)
Costen J. Harrell (Methodist; 1953)
Herschel H. Hobbs (SBC; 1954)
John R. Rice (1954)
Richard V. Clearwaters (1955)
Jarrette Aycock (1955)
Milo Kauffman (Mennonite; 1955)
Alphin Carl Conrad (1954)
Howard Foshee (SBC; 1958)
W. W. Barndollar (1959)
Tom Rees (English; 1960–1980)
Charlie W. Shedd (1961)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Tithing Renewal List

Advocate Tithing

Robert J. Hastings (SBC; 1961)

Luther P. Powell (1962)

Fletcher Clarke Spruce (1966)

Arthur W. Pink (1967)

W. E. Grindstaff (SBC; 1967)

H. Gordon Clinard (1970)

Stephen Olford (1972)

Brooks H. Wester (SBC; 1972)

H. Franklin Paschall (SBC; 1972)

Marvin E. Tate (1973)

Elmer Towns (1975)

Samuel Young (1976)

John J. Mitchell (OPC; 1978)

Edward A. Powell (1979)

W. A. Criswell (SBC; 1980)

R. T. Kendall (SBC; 1982)

Ron Trudinger (1982)

Francis W. Mennenga (1984)

Frederick K. C. Prince (1984)

R. J. Rushdoony (1986, 1994, 1999)

B. Scot Williams (1986)

Timothy Tow (1986)

George B. Davis (Baptist; 1987)

Stanley M. Horton (1988)

Randy Alcorn (1989)

Larry Burkett (1991)

Gary North (1994)

Peter Masters (Baptist; 1994)

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Tithing Renewal List

Advocate Tithing

Mark T. Barclay (1994)

William D. Watley (1995)

Charles Stanley (SBC; 1996)

Ben Gill (SBC; 1996)

Walter Wink (1996)

Charley Holmes (1998)

Andrew Walker (1998)

James E. Mead (1998)

O. S. Hawkins (SBC; 1999)

David M. James (Orthodox Christian; 2000)

Stephen Mizell (SBC; 2001)

David Jeremiah (SBC; 2002)

S. Truett Cathy (2002)

Marc Allen (New Age; 2002)

Keith Tondeur (2003)

Rick Warren (SBC; 2004)

Hank Hanegraaff (2004)

Seventh-day Adventists

Mormons

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Tithing Renewal List

Cautious Advocates

John M. Versteeg (1923)

Paul H. Conrad (1944)

Glenn McRae (1954)

T. A. Kantonen (Lutheran; 1956)

Holmes Rolston (Presbyterian; 1959)

Robert Paul Roth (Lutheran; 1960)

James O. Buswell (1962)

Lukas Vischer (German; 1966)

William L. Hendricks (Southern Baptist; 1972)

Earl Radmacher (1974)

Richard J. Foster (Quaker; 1981)

Douglas W. Johnson (1984)

John K. Brackett (Episcopalian; 1996)

Gene Getz (2004)

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Tithing Renewal List

Ambiguous

John A. Broadus (SBC; 1886)

Andrew Murray (1897)

H. A. Ironside (1945)

Amos John Traver (1946)

Earl Radmacher (1974)

Ronald J. Sider (1978)

Edward J. Hales & J. Alan Youngren (1981)

National Conference of Catholic Bishops (1992)

Richard E. Rusbult (1994)

Adrian Mann (1992)

Donald A. Carson (1999)

Andy Stanley (2004)

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Tithing Renewal List

Against Tithes being binding on Christians

Parsons Cooke (1850)

Samuel Harris (1850)

Edward A. Lawrence (1850)

Baptists in America (early 1800s)

John Peter Lange (1876)

Henry William Clarke (1891)

S. H. Kellogg (1891)

G. Campbell Morgan (1898)

Albert L. Vail (Baptist; 1913)

Frank Fox (1914)

David McConaughy (1918)

William L. Pettingill (1932)

John H. Grime (Baptist; 1934)

John T. Mueller (Lutheran; 1934)

R. C. H. Lenski (Lutheran; 1946)

Lewis Sperry Chafer (1948, 1974)

James F. Rand (1953)

Francis Pieper (Lutheran; 1953)

Ray Stedman (1950–1951)

L. L. McR. (Catholic; 1955)

W. E. Vine (1949)

Paul L. Stagg (Baptist; 1958)

Hiley H. Ward (Baptist; 1958)

Roy T. Cowles (1958)

Elizabeth Pearson Tilton (1958)

R. C. Rein (Lutheran; 1959)

TITHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

Tithing Renewal List

Against Tithes being binding on Christians

Wick Broomall (1960)

John Byron Evans (1960)

Norman Tenpas (1967)

James Edward Anderson (1967)

Alfred Martin (1968)

Charles C. Ryrie (1969)

Jerry Horner (SBC; 1972)

Pieter Verhoef (1974)

Dennis O. Wretlind (1975)

Jack J. Peterson (OPC; 1978)

Donald Kraybill (1978)

Jon Zens (Baptist; 1979)

Richard B. Cunningham (SBC; 1979)

Garry Friesen (1980)

John MacArthur (1982; 2000)

George Monroe Castillo (1982)

Tony Badillo (1984)

James Montgomery Boice (1986)

Michael E. Oliver (1986)

W. Clyde Tilley (1987)

Ronald Michael Campbell (1987)

R. E. O. White (1988)

William MacDonald (1989)

Charles R. Swindoll (1990)

Rhodes Thompson (1990)

J. Vernon McGee (1991)

Jerome Smith (1992)

Craig L. Blomberg (1993)

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J. Duncan M. Derrett (1993)

Walter C. Kaiser (1994)

Moisés Silva (1994)

Benny D. Prince (1995)

Brian K. Morley (1996)

Linda L. Belleville (1996)

Ron Rhodes (1997)

Ernest L. Martin (1997)

Michael & Mitchell T. Webb (1998)

R. Johnston (1999)

Mark A. Snoeberger (Baptist; 2000)

Stuart Murray (English; 2000)

George W. Greene (2000)

Russell Earl Kelly (2001)

Jonathan Kithcart (2001)

Michael Morrison (2002)

Elliot Miller (2003)

Matthew E. Narramore (2004)

Jehovah's Witnesses

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