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## **Each One! Bless One! You Make a Difference!**

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*Eternity is not a destination, but a continuous journey.*

**“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all they soul, and with all they strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.”**

**LUKE 10:27 (KJV)**

**T**he 11th Commandment. If the Lord wanted us to have an eleventh Commandment, then He would have given it to Moses. One would believe it to be: “Give your tithes and offering every time you go to church.” There is no eleventh commandment, but it would probably be **Mark 12:30**.

The Lord spoke to me one Sunday and said as clear as day, “Beware of those who place tithes and offerings before the Ten Commandments.” I am a believer in paying tithes and offerings; paying over that which is described in the Bible, ten percent of “first fruits” and an offering from your best. But in today’s church, things are out of control. You hear, “The Lord told me to have 1,000 people bring me an offering of \$1,000.” Or “Put your tithes and offering on your credit card.” And there are ATM machines in some church lobbies. I wonder why? Is God happy? Did the Holy Spirit really say that?

If giving “tithes and offerings” was on the forefront of God’s mind, they would be on the stone tablets given to Moses. Be more concerned with following the **TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20)**; they are still in effect. Grace, mercy, Christ Jesus, and before that--the Big Ten! People say giving “tithes and offerings” are a covenant. They represent an element of our covenant, not the covenant; covenants are made to leaders. A few are the Noahic covenant, the Abrahamic covenant, the Mosaic covenant, the Davidic covenant and the covenant Jesus Christ makes with us as our Savior.

Paying land, fruit and animal tithes is a Levitical commandment (**Leviticus 27:33**). We must follow God’s Ten Commandments first and foremost. **Deuteronomy 28** tells what happens if we do or do not follow God’s Commandments. If we violate the Big Ten and pay our tithes and offering, we still have violated God’s Law. “GIVING” tithes and offerings is like “REAPING and SOWING” which are precepts, which respond to “cause and effect.” You do this and that happens. Anyone good or evil can “give” and they will “reap” benefits; cause and effect. The violation of the Big Ten will have its effect in God’s own time, but initially God’s Precepts will be in action. Remember, the 11th Commandment is not “tithes and offering,” and if there was an 11th Commandment, it would probably be the first and great commandment according to Jesus: **Matthew 22:37**.

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