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"Ignorance is an enemy, even to its owner. Knowledge is a friend, even to its hater. Ignorance hates knowledge because it is too pure. Knowledge fears ignorance because it is too sure."~ Sri Chinmoy

What if one of the most common things you hear at church - giving 10% of your money, called "tithing"—is not something Jesus ever asked for? That's the big idea behind *Tithingism: Christian Giving vs. Evils of Tithing*, by author Thomas Moore. In this thought-provoking book, Moore challenges a rule many Christians have followed without question. Known for his deep Bible knowledge and bold teaching, Moore sets out to

explain why tithing doesn't belong in true Christian faith - and how it might even take people away from the freedom Jesus offers.

The book explains that "Tithingism" is the belief that Christians are required to give 10% of their income to the church, based on Malachi 3:8–11. Moore argues that this teaching doesn't match the message of Jesus. He says it adds fear, guilt, and control into something that should be about love and trust. Using verses from both the Old and New Testaments, Moore shows how tithing was a rule for ancient Israel, not for today's believers. He also reveals that the idea of tithing existed in pagan cultures long before it showed up in the Bible - and often for disturbing reasons, like supporting false temples and priests.

One of the strongest messages in this book is that real Christian giving comes from the heart, not from pressure. Moore reminds readers that Jesus taught about giving to the poor, caring for others, and following the Holy Spirit - not obeying a fixed rule like a tax. He believes that when people are pressured to tithe, they are being led by human rules instead of God's Spirit. That kind of teaching, he warns, can make people feel like they have to buy God's blessings instead of receiving them freely by grace.

The writing in the book is passionate, powerful, and full of Bible truth. Moore doesn't hold back - he's not afraid to call out traditions that go against the words of Jesus. This makes the book especially helpful for thoughtful teens, young adults, and even adults who are wondering what Christianity is really supposed to look like. While it digs deep into theology, it does so in a way that's honest and easy to follow if you're willing to think and reflect.

Tithingism: Christian Giving vs. Evils of Tithing, by Thomas Moore is without a doubt an essential read which will revolutionize the Christian world with unquestionable insights such as God's free love for people. It will also anchor their faith deeper in Jesus, who solely paid the price as clearly demonstrated. Finally, it will change their motivation to give and assist them in overcoming the fear of failing God which has long been ingrained in their beliefs and practices by religious organizations. This book is a daring reminder that God desires a relationship rather than a payment plan, and if you enjoy daring and thought-provoking literature, it is well worth the time you will spend reading it. For pastors, theologians, and laypeople alike, this book offers a compelling case for giving that reflects Christ, not coercion.

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