

## New Tithing Audio Online, Free

Commentary for December 1, 2022 — Another Good News Announcement

### [The Tithing Dilemma](#) ( ← *Click here!* )

The second audio of nine books written by Dr. Ernest Martin was uploaded today. It is free on the ASK website for you to listen or download. It is read by Tom Parks. The truth about tithing is likely different than you have been told. A good reader speaking biblical truths, written by a master teacher, might free you to act more wisely in your affairs. But as they say on television infomercials: **"But wait! There's more!"**

The full text of *The Tithing Dilemma* is also online on the same webpage. You can read the text while it is being read to you. It is a better way to read any book, because you use two senses, sound, and sight (hearing and reading along). This enhances your reception of the message and increases your understanding. Reading along helps you to be both an "active listener" and an "active reader."

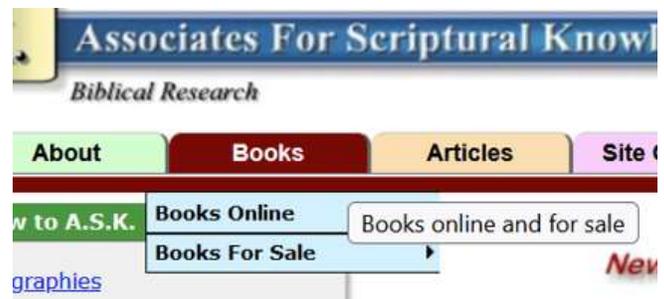
If you just hear the words, your mind may wander. If you read along you are more likely to stay focused on the messages in the words. As you read and listen to this small *Tithing* book you will be more engaged than you otherwise will be by just reading the text or listening to the text separately.

### [The Best Way to Learn Written Information](#)

The best way to read a book — **if** you are able and **if** you have the time — is to read the material aloud yourself (like the ancients did!). In that way YOU engage your brain totally while you read, you turn pages, you are speaking, you create diverse ways to express words and phrases with YOUR speech patterns, while understanding the meaning of what YOU actively read.

Remember, hearing valuable information is important. It can be more enjoyable when truth is spoken as you read aloud to yourself. Speaking truth was the primary way the Word of God developed faith in people of New Testament times and after. It was how people are convinced by the Gospel (after God opens their hearts and minds). Romans 10:17: **"faith comes by hearing, and hearing by [from] the word of God."** Reading aloud privately enhances a person's ability to read to others in a study group, and even speak in front of a group.

This was especially true in ancient times when few people owned books. Books were hand-written, labor intensive to duplicate, fragile, and expensive. Public readers were often professionals or semi-professionals if they were scribes. People learned from speakers, teachers, scribes, Levites, Levitical priests, kings, governors, magistrates — all engaged in public



speaking — some to entertain, others to educate, enlighten, motivate, or to give orders.

Those who did read, read aloud, even to themselves. In fact, reading silently to oneself was so strange that when people saw someone reading silently, they thought it was a sign of mental illness. In those days, the Word of God was spoken through teachers and preachers who themselves learned by the same writings when they were spoken to them.<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke to His apostles, disciples, and thousands of believers. The written word of what we call the Old Testament was always referenced as a beginning word as Jesus did in Luke 4:15–21.

The biblical truth in [The Tithing Dilemma](#) is easy to learn, your time will not be wasted, and you will be surprised what you will learn. Here are some questions that are answered:

- **Who** must tithe?
- **Who** can legally receive tithes?
- **Who** is obligated to tithe?
- **What** produce or goods should be tithed?
- **What** professions are exempt from paying a tithe?
- **When** should tithes be paid and received?
- **Where** are tithes paid?
- **Why** are tithes paid?
- **How** are tithes paid?

This small book will help you do the right thing as you are informed by Scripture. This book will change your mind about organizations who insist you are a sinner or are not being blessed because you do not tithe. In fact, the opposite is true. If you tithe now, and do so because you think God says you must, or you think you are part of a group that should receive tithes, then you might be making a mistake if you pay tithes contrary to scripture.

Information about tithing in the New Testament is found only in Matthew 23:23 and Luke 11:42. Hebrews 7:2–9 gives a history lesson to readers about Abraham giving a tithe of war spoils to Melchizedek. At this time in history no one is required to “pay” a biblical tithe. In fact, it is a mistake for anyone to say they pay a biblical tithe. It is not required by God at this time, and Dr. Martin explains why that is the case. However, tithes will be required for some people in the future.

This *Tithing* book is not long, and you will remember its message. The book is about money, and how to properly give to God with thanksgiving. Again, the audiobook is found under the “Books” tab on the ASK homepage. Tell your friends about it. Enjoy.

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<sup>1</sup> Learn more about ancient reading practices in my June 2006 Commentary, “[Faith Comes by Hearing](#)” and my 2019 Commentary, “[Speaking To Oneself](#).” (What would our ancestors think of people talking to a piece of metal? Today we call it a cellphone.)