"Can You Send Your Tithe Elsewhere? Ted Wilson Explains What the Bible Says" was posted on the Weimar University YouTube channel on 10/17/26. Since the firing of Ron Kelly as the lead pastor of the Village Seventh-day Adventist and the forbidding of Conrad Vine to preach, there have been efforts to prove you must pay your tithe to officially approved conference entities if you're to be right with God even if said entities are in apostasy. Mark Howard of the Michigan conference and the renowned Mark Finley have tried and now Ted is giving it a go. Dr. David Shin, hereafter to be referred to as Dave, is the host.

Go to https://youtu.be/8xATe2gyufY?si=YLQH9qSCxL1Ynk8o to watch the video.

At the start, with a degree of drama and smirking, Dave says, "People may feel that if I withhold this tithe, then there's gonna to be some changes." Ted says, "Tithe is not your responsibility. Once you return your tithe, it's in the Lord's hands. God installs leaders and blesses those leaders as they follow His instructions. When they stop following His instructions, He will correct in His own time."

> "They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off." Hosea 8:4 from the King James Version (KJV).

No, God is not always the One who installs leaders. Perhaps one of the ways God corrects leaders is to have tithe money go elsewhere.

Dave says, "One suggestion is that members give beans and rice to the conference instead of money." Ted says, "Turning in beans and rice in small quantities, just to show protest, that's one of the oddest I've ever heard of." They both appear to think this is very funny.

Conrad Vine in one of his sermons on tithe pointed out that the tithe God said was to go to the Levites were agricultural products which would include things like beans and rice. I'm pretty sure he said beans; I don't remember if he said rice. In any case, his point was that if Seventh-day Adventist conference dignitaries wished to use the Old Testament to teach the mandate to pay tithe in the Christian era, it would be appropriate to pay tithe in the form of agricultural products. In fact, quite a while before I heard him say that, in one of the things I published in a review of the first quarter's Sabbath School lesson for 2023, I said there were ways to ship a tenth of your Swiss chard, apples, spinach, wheat, corn, collards, increase of dogs or cats, etc. to the General Conference. There is NOTHING in the New Testament that mandates tithe paying in the Christian era. To get real evidence Seventh-day Adventist dignitaries have to rely on the writings of Sister White even though they ignore some things she said and studiously omit speaking about some things she said about tithing.

Dave says, "I'm sure you've received your fair share of criticism, personal attacks." Ted replies, "You learn after a while not to engage in going back and forth with people who are so angry. If you engaged with that kind of situation you would end up being the same way."

The way it is, conference dignitaries seem to be of the opinion that they should be a law unto themselves and violate with impunity standards of truth and justice as found in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. Here is an example of that. It was posted in the comments section of a sermon by Mark Finley that was posted on YouTube.

> "God bless you Pastor Finley. My name is _____, and I am the only person that I know of in the state of Minnesota, who stood up against known lesbians transvestites and homosexuals being baptized here in the Minneapolis area for the last 20 years. They disfellowshipped me for standing against their agenda. At first they denied they were doing it, and then I could prove it and they disfellowshipped me by sending the police to my home to tell me never to come back, without even permitting me, or my wife to defend ourselves, or hear our accusers. But since this is not officially recognized by the general conferenc I am in a no man's land. nobody will defend me, or stand up for the truth here in Minneapolis so why do you think it's now that you need to speak up? I've been coming to you guys for 20 years. I've told over 1000 pastors what's happening here in Minneapolis and none of you have defended the truth here but whenever it suits you now it's OK to speak up? A man dressed up as a woman was made a Deaconess 20 years ago and no one did a thing to stop it. and now it's too late, I haven't had communion for 15 years and no one thinks to even contact my wife and I who are totally devoted Seventh-day Adventists. I'm ashamed of my church here in Minneapolis the place where the 1888 message was rejected. I've seen known lesbians passing the collection plate, wearing their biker jackets supporting their gay biker group. I've seen the youngest female elder who is a known lesbian ordained as an elder And when I objected, they came at me like demons and all of you guys who I've approached sharing this information totally ignored me like you don't care what happens. Nobody's gonna speak up because it didn't affect them right? God please put an end to this ugliness happening here. In Jesus name amen."

You can find that video at https://youtu.be/SpTh5FcgipI?si=RoMdQYrTI5Yx5D6l.

At 2:27 Dave discloses that Ted now serves on the Weimar University board of trustees.

At 3:31 Dave asks Ted if there's a biblical or Spirit of Prophecy support for withholding or redirecting tithe." Ted says, "Well, uh David, that's a fascinating topic you've introduced. Uhh. There actually is no biblical or Spirit of Prophecy counsel to withholding your tithe as some kind of instruction, eh, there definitely is, uh, information about those who withhold their tithe as to what they're actually doing. Tithe is, not even ours. It's, completely God's. In fact, everything is God's. As Christian stewards we are simply here to take care of what God has given to us. But he asks this extra measure of dependence. He says, I want you to return ten percent. Now we don't give our tithe and anyone who uses that term they should correct that because we don't give, we return it. It's not even ours. Uh, and, those who refuse to return the tithe or say, well I don't agree with what this church or I don't agree with that leader or this conference or whatever they're doing, uh, they are taking things into their hands of which they have no business it's not yours. So from *Review and Herald* December twenty-three eighteen ninety, will you withhold from God his own? Will you divert from the treasury the portion of means which the Lord claims as his? If so you are robbing God, and every dollar is charged against you in the books of heaven."

The princes of our church would like you to believe the God's only "treasury" is only the church as in the official channels of the local and General Conference. We'll see if Ted goes there.

At 6:32, regarding giving tithe and offerings, Ted says, "Their offerings they can decide how to use them. Tithe, is not your responsibility. Once you return your tithe, it's in the Lord's hands, and in fact, it's not even your money to decide. So a person shouldn't say, that I don't agree with what a conference is doing or local church, therefore I'm going to refrain from returning my tithe and in doing so you are grieving the Lord and defrauding the Lord."

Ted says, "And God has set up a very specific understanding of what the storehouse is. It is for the support of the ministry, the proclamation of the gospel. And I have to tell you that the General Conference and the world field all over the world, they're very careful in how they use tithe. Tithe is not to be used for construction of churches, for capital improvements, uh, that kind of thing, it is for the support of the ministry and the proclamation of the gospel."

And here it comes. At 9:02 Ted says, "So you have to understand this composite biblical, Spirit of Prophecy instruction and counsel. And nowhere in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy does it say you can determine where the storehouse is that you're going to give. It's the local church, where you are a member." And to that I say, NOWHERE in the Spirit of Prophecy or in the Bible does it say the local church where you are a member is the storehouse. Here is what the Spirit of Prophecy says and what Ted forgot, maybe never read or maybe just neglected to mention.

> "Send no statement of the situation through our religious papers; because it will not be honored. Send direct to the people. God's ways are not to be counterworked by man's ways. There are those who have means, and who will give large and small sums. Have this money come direct to your destitute portion of the vineyard. The Lord has not specified any regular channel through which means should pass." *Spalding & Magan's Unpublished Manuscript Testimonies of Ellen G. White*, page 202 of the reprint with an ISBN of 9781495934735.

> "These women give their whole time, and are told that they receive nothing for their labors because their husbands receive their wages. I tell them to go forward and all such decision shall be revised. The Word says, 'The laborer is worthy of his hire.' When any such decision as this is made, I will in the name of the Lord, protest. I will feel it my duty to create a fund from my tithe money, to pay these women who are accomplishing just as essential work as the ministers are doing, and this tithe I will reserve for work in the same line as that of the ministers, hunting for souls, fishing for souls. I know that the faithful women should be paid wages as is considered proportionate to the pay received by ministers." *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 5* page 29 or Letter 137, 1898.

At 10:38 a Sister White quotation is posted as coming from page 260 of Pastoral Ministry. In my copy the quotation is found on page 261.

> "If the Conference business is not managed according to the order of the Lord, that is the sin of the erring ones. The Lord will not hold you responsible for it, if you do what you can to correct the evil. But do not commit sin yourselves by withholding from God his own property."

Ted thought that was "a beautiful quote." Notice that it says "withholding" and that's entirely different that redirecting funds. I do agree, however, that if you have no better option and have done something to correct the evil, you are not sinning if you give the erring princes of the church money.

Here is a sentence that immediately follows the above quotation.

> "'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently," or deceitfully.

Those who deal with this topic should be hesitant, whether by omission or addition, to deal with it deceitfully.

At 11:26 Ted says, "An, an, individuals can really do something also and that is pray." Yeah, they advise you to pray instead of doing something that might actually change things like redirecting tithe.

> "And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff." Joshua 7:6-7, 10-11 (KJV).

I would say that Joshua was on his face before the ark of God praying and he was told to get up and do something.

> "And Israel joined himself unto Baal–peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal–peor. And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel." Numbers 25:3-8, 10-13 (KJV).

Phinehas received the blessing of God because he did something other than just pray.

At 11:47 Dave says, "You mentioned prayer. I think of Hannah. She went to the temple to pray and there were some things happening there that were not good; Eli, Hophni and Phineas, there was disillusionment, but she went to the temple. It was there an God had His way of taking care of that and there was Samuel that was placed within the temple. He didn't start his ownnnnnn channel, th, there could have been some strong arguments made in that vein but you can see how the Lord, He took care of things." Yes God did and they should think hard about what He did.

> "And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son? And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years." 1 Samuel 4:16-18 (KJV).

The plan to give beans and rice to the conference instead of money is brought up again. The first time this was brought up, Ted though it was an odd plan but now he says something different. He says, "If indeed that happened, uh, that, and it was commensurate and equal to what your tithe is, that would be an innovative for, uh, people that North America at least. Ah, let me just say that that in parts of the world where the economies are vastly different capitalistic or easy economy with banking systems and all of that, uh, it's very understood for people to return their tithe, uh, by using cattle or agricultural products or whatever it is. This is nothing unusual." LOL. I just priced rice at Costco and for $1,000 in tithe money I could buy about 1,389 lbs. of rice to be delivered to a local church or the Ohio Conference office and I believe that with a little shopping I could buy even cheaper rice and even beans! Thanks Ted. Just imagine how much rice I could send for say $20,000! Following this Ted says, "Let the conference figure it out." I'm sure (not) that the conference would thank Ted.

Ted doesn't think that what was suggested was to send an equivalent amount of beans and rice to what tithe was owed. He thinks the suggestion was to put a few beans and rice in a tithe envelope to show displeasure. No, I have never heard anyone say that. What Conrad Vine mentioned was giving an amount of agricultural product equivalent to the amount of tithe owed.

At 18:55 Ted has counsel for those who are trying to change things. He says, "Well I'd try and encourage the person to see the big picture that, uh, a group of people who are attempting to change through leveraging ah a tithe return. Number one, that's not God's way to bring about change and you need to put it in God's hands then let the Lord deal with things, He will deal with things if something needs to be made correct." Yeah, the princes in the Michigan used tithe and kingly authority to change things and no one else is supposed to do that. If the Michigan Conference had made things right long ago a lot of the ugliness that has occurred could have been avoided.

Ted doesn't think withholding tithe can make a difference. Dave and Ted may not understand this but neither I, nor Ron Kelly nor Conrad Vine to the best of my knowledge have ever said to

withhold tithe. Teddy needs to get out an ENGLISH dictionary and learn the difference between withhold and redirect.

At 24:04 Ted says, “And you’re not responsible for what tithe does once you return it to the Lord.” Here’s another opinion.

> “There are fearful woes for those who preach the truth, but are not sanctified by it, and also for those who consent to receive and maintain the unsanctified to minister to them in word and doctrine.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 1 pages 261-262.

At 26:59 Ted starts to read in his favorite “the Bible.” That’s the “the Bible” with which you can teach that Jesus started His ministry in the Most Holy place not in 1844 but rather in Paul’s day.

> “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 from the New King James Version (NKJV).

> “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” Hebrews 9:12 (KJV).

The real Bible doesn’t have that problem because it says “holy place” instead of “Most Holy Place.”

Ted reads from Nehemiah.

> “I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place. Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse.” Nehemiah 13:10-12 (NKJV).

“Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse. It was the central place. It was not the determined location of each individual it was the storehouse. It was the central work that the Levites were to do.”

Yeah, Teddy has used his “the Bible” and the Spirit of Prophecy to make you think you have to return your tithe through official conference channels for it to be accepted by God. Here are some things that he didn’t mention.

> Those who give themselves to the service of the Lord, who labor for the salvation of others by doing house-to-house work, which is as taxing as, and more taxing than standing before a congregation, should receive payment for their labor. If a man is worthy of his hire, so also is a woman.” *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 1* page 263 or Manuscript 149, 1899.

> “I have myself appropriated my tithe to the most needy cases brought to my attention. I have been instructed to do this, and as the money is not withheld from the Lord’s treasury, it is not

a matter that should be commented upon, for it will necessitate my making known these matters, which I do not desire to do, because it is not best." *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 2* pages 99-100 or Letter 267, 1905.

"I commend those sisters who have placed their tithe where it is most needed to help do a work that is being left undone, and if this matter is given publicity, it will create a knowledge which would better be left as it is. I do not care to give publicity to this work which the Lord has appointed me to do, and others to do." From the Watson letter written by Ellen G. White to a conference president and found on pages 394 to 396 of *Ellen G. White The Early Elmshaven Years* by Arthur L. White.

The talk goes on but on other subjects so this is the end of this review. More reading is available on the web sites below.

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