

Should a believer ask her unbelieving 9 siblings and 3 children who are Catholic for financial assistance to help pay for caregivers? She is now accountable to show all her finances and how she spends showing that she does not pay tithes and does not trust the Lord to provide.

Families are divine creations (Ge 1:27,28) which should be able to be relied upon. Their concerns (Lk 16:27,28) and consecrations (Josh 24:15) should be the same (Phil 2:2-8); but that is not always the case. Real faith divides (Lk 12:51–53). Believers and unbelievers may not walk in agreement (Pr 16:7, Am 3:3, 2 Co 6:15).

Christians are able (Lk 8:48) to follow peace (Ro 12:18–21) because they have the spirit of God (Ro 8:9–11).

Sharing the gospel is of utmost importance for the believer (Mk 16:15). Christians ask for help from one another rather than the pagan because it is the Lord who will build his house (Mt 16:18). His body, the church, will accomplish his work (1 Co 6:15, 2 Co 4:7, Eph 1:23).

The wicked man's way leads to death (Jas 1:15), whereas the righteous man's way (Eph 5:8–14) leads to: walking in the light (Eph 5:8–9, 11–14), seeking God's will (vv. 5:10, 17) and using every opportunity to do good (vv. 5:15–16).¹

Regarding Roman Catholicism vs. historical biblical Christianity Mike Gendron wrote:

We have different authorities, we believe different gospels, we worship different Christs, we are led by different spirits and we are on different paths to eternity. Compare this with the unity the apostle Paul described with those who are in one body and one....Spirit, with one hope; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, on God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all (Eph 4:4-6)...²

Our message to the unbeliever or make-believers is: Jesus loves you (Jn 3:16). Jesus is willing to save you (2 Pe 3:9). Repent (Eze 18:30-32; Ac 17:30). Believe (Mk 9:23).

Tithing is an Old Testament concept (Lev 27:32, 33); but of course believers today may cheerfully give toward the cause of Christ as they are able (2 Co 9:7).

¹ Willmington, H. L. (1999). The Outline Bible (Eph 5:6–16). Tyndale House Publishers.

² Gendron, Mike. "Newsletters." *Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries*, www.proclaimingthegospel.org/page/newsletters. Accessed 2 May 2022
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