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physical fitness of the various animals for food, or was it to teach, him that lie should make no distinction in men? Acts 10:28.

43. What does the Lord say of those who make a great profession of holiness, and yet pay no regard to their diet? Isaiah 65:4, 5.

44. What is said of those who profess to be sanctifying themselves in preparation for Christ's Second Coming, and who continue to eat swine's flesh? Isaiah 66:15- 17.

45. What special object did the Lord have in changing the diet of his people Israel? Deuteronomy 8:3.

46. Of what other dangers besides improper diet does the Savior warn us? Luke 21:34.

47. What is the meaning of "surfeiting"? Over-eating. See Webster.

48. What is true Bible temperance? A total abstinence from all that is hurtful, and a moderate use only of that which is good.

49. Is it not reasonable to suppose that those who are prepared for Christ's coming will heed the Savior's warning, and will give proper attention to their habits of eating?

Gods Plan for the Support of His Work

1. How MUCH of our income have we reason to believe it would be pleasing to God that we should devote to the support of his service? Leviticus 27:30-32.

2. Were the ministers anciently to have any inheritance of land or any secular occupation among their brethren? Numbers 18:20.

3. To whom were they to look for their support? To God, who sent them forth to preach.

4. How did the Lord purpose to support these ministers? Verses 21-24. By giving them his Portion.

5. What is the first recorded instance of tithe-paying? The case of Abraham, over four hundred years before the time of Moses. Genesis 14:18-20.

6. To what priest did Abraham pay tithe? Hebrews 7:1, 2.

7. After what order is our Savior's priesthood? Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:17.

8. Whose children are Christians said to be? Galatians 3:7, 29.

9. Did Abraham teach his children to pay tithes to God, as exhibited in the case of Jacob?
Genesis 18:17,19; 28:20-22.

10. What does Jesus say we will do if we are truly Abraham's children? John 8:39.

11. Then as Melchisedec represented Christ, and Abraham represented Christians, ought we not to follow Abraham's example, and pay a tithe of our increase to Christ?

12. Has God ordained that ministers of the gospel should live on the same plan as the priests did anciently?
1 Corinthians 9:13, 14.

13. Did our Savior teach the paying of tithes? Matthew 23:23.

14. If the tithe belongs to God, and he devotes it to the support of his ministers, then who really pays the ministers, God or the people?

15. How much does man have to start with in this life? 1 Timothy 6:7.

16. Who owns everything in this world? Psalm 24:1; 50:10, 12; Haggai 2:8.

17. What relation do we sustain to the Lord's property? That of stewards. Matthew 25:14; Luke 16:1, 2.

18. Then how much of our increase does the Lord reserve us his? The tithe is the Lord's. Leviticus 27:32.

19. If we withhold the tithe, of what does the Lord say we are guilty? Malachi 3:8.

20. What did the Lord say had followed as a result of robbing him of the tithes? Malachi 3:9.

21. What was the sin of Adam and Eve in eating of the forbidden fruit? Appropriating to, their own use that which God had reserved to himself.

22. Do not those who use the tithe for their own purposes commit a similar offence against God? Yes; the tree was a test to them as the tithe is to us. It is God's reserved portion.

23. How does the withholding of the Lord's tithe affect our whole earnings? Haggai 1:5-11.

24. What promise does the Lord make to those who bring all of their tithes into his storehouse?
Malachi 3:10,11.

25. Upon how much of the tithe is this promise based? All of it.

26. Out of what portion of our increase should we take the Lord's tithe, the first or last? Proverbs 3:9, 10.

27. Is it the duty of ministers to pay a tithe of their increase? Numbers 18:26, 27.

28. What besides tithes does God expect of his people? Malachi 3:8.

29. Out of what should missionary work, building funds, church expenses, etc., be supported? Free-will offerings.

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30. What requirement was formerly laid upon every believer in Christianity? 1 Corinthians 16:2.
31. Was this money to be put into a public collection each week, or was it to be laid up in store at home? "Lay by Him in store." "By himself at home."-French translation. The German, Spanish, and others, read the same.
32. What do the Scriptures call that which we give to the poor? Matthew 6:1-4. Free will offerings and alms-giving. The tithe, then, is different from these.
33. What promises are given those who pay tithes faithfully, and give liberally? Malachi 3:10,11; Luke 6:38.
34. What kind of giver does the Lord love? 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.
35. If we fully believe these promises, may we not expect great prosperity in the faithful discharge of duty in these matters? 2 Corinthians 9:8-10.

Prophetic Gifts

1. Of what special subject does the Lord say he would not have us ignorant? 1 Corinthians 12:1.
2. What does he say of these gifts? Verses 4-6.
3. What are the different gifts of the Spirit? Verses 8-10.
4. To what does he compare the church with these various gifts all doing their appointed work? The human body. Verses 12-27.
5. Who placed these gifts in the church? And in what order does the apostle mention them? Verse 28.
6. What signs did Jesus say would follow all true believers? Mark 16:17, 18.
7. What does James say in reference to the prayer of faith? James 5:14-16.

The sick may be healed now, but fanaticism should be avoided in the matter. All who were sick in Bible times were not healed. 2 Timothy 4:20. While we pray in faith, it is our privilege to bow in submission to the will of God. There are lessons to be learned better in sickness than elsewhere, and the eternal happiness of our friends we should consider of more importance than the present. Miraculous healing is not always evidence of the work of God. Matthew 7:22, 23; Revelation 16:14, 15. The work of God is known by its fruit, and all manifestations should be tested by the unerring word of God. Deuteronomy 13:1-4; Isaiah 8:20.

8. Were these gifts of the Spirit ever to cease? 1 Corinthians 13:8.
9. When were they to be done away? Verses 9, 10.
Not until the perfect day, at the Second Advent of Christ, when the gifts will not be necessary.
10. What is it said that Jesus gave unto men when he ascended on high? Ephesians 4:8.
11. What were these gifts? Verse 11.
12. What were they for? Verse 12.
13. How long were they to remain in the church? Verse 13.
14. Can it be said that God's people have yet reached the unity of the faith, while they are supporting six hundred opposing creeds of faith?
15. What was to be the effect of these gifts upon the church? Verses 14-16.
16. Does the Bible recognize any difference in these gifts? 1 Corinthians 12:31.
17. To which does it give the preference? 1 Corinthians 14:1, 39. God unveils the future to those who have this gift.

18. Whom was this gift especially to benefit? 1 Corinthians 14:22.
19. How does God reveal himself to those who have the gift of prophecy? Numbers 12:6; Daniel 7:1.
20. Were there prophets in the early Christian church? Acts 11:27, 28.
21. Did women have visions in the apostles' days? Luke 2:36, 38; Acts 21: 8, 9.
22. Did women prophesy in Old-Testament times? Exodus 15:20, 21; Judges 4:4; 2 Chronicles 34:22. What promise was made about women's prophesying? Joel 2:28.
23. When was this prophecy first fulfilled? Acts 2:16-20.

- The signs mentioned were to be seen near the close of the gospel dispensation. Revelation 6:12,
24. Hence the prediction covers the entire gospel dispensation.
 25. Of what did the Savior warn the church? Matthew 7:15.
 26. Would there be any need of warning against false prophets if there were no true ones?
 27. How are we to know the true from the false? Verse 20.
 28. Were those who were looking for the coming of the Lord to have all of the gifts? 1 Corinthians 1:5-8.