

FAITHFUL IN GIVING!

Becoming Like Christ Part 2 Malachi 3

⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned My decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

"But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' ⁸ "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated Me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?'

"You have cheated Me of the tithes and offerings due to Me. ⁹ **You are under a curse,** for your whole nation has been cheating Me. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, **"I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"** ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ¹² "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. Malachi 3:7-12

Who is Interested in this Message?

- 1. Almighty God is interested!**—He is interested in you as a growing disciple! He wants you to be FREE! Almost _____ of the Parables Jesus told dealt with Possessions!
How many Verses in the Bible are about Faith? _____ Prayer? _____ Stewardship? _____
Probably #1 test of how much you love God and how mature you are as a Disciple is seen in your \$\$!

- 2. Satan is interested!** He wants to keep you enslaved, in financial bondage, under a curse!

Are You in Financial Bondage?

1. Charge daily expenditures? 2. Put off paying bills when due? 3. Borrow to pay fixed expenses (taxes, insurance)?
4. Debt long term > 20% income? 5. You do not know total debt? 6. Creditor calls? 7. New loans to pay off old loans?
8. Borrow from savings to pay current bills? 9. You argue over \$? 10. Think about being dishonest? 11. Tithe is hard!

*There is treasure in the house of the godly, but the earnings of the wicked bring trouble. Proverbs 15:6, 23:5,6
Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit! In the blink of an eye wealth disappears,...*

- 3. You Are Interested, too!** It takes money, finances to live in the world

3 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM—Getting out of Bondage!

- 1. You Must Personally _____ to God!** ⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned My decrees and failed to obey them. **Now return to Me,** and I will return to you," says the LORD...

God doesn't want your money He wants YOU!! ...**return to me!** He wants our fellowship!

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it. Psalm 50:12

I don't want what you have—I want you.... 2 Corinthians 12:14

*...they gave not only what they could afford, but far more..... **for their first action** was to give themselves to the Lord...*

2 Corinthians 8:4-5

God is not raising money He is raising mature believers

First sign of repentance has reached heart is if it reaches the wallet Matthew 6:33

³⁰ "One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to Him as holy. Leviticus 27:30

Do you fear God more than Caesar?

It is safer to rob a bank than to steal from God. Always a blessing when we give always a curse when we steal AR

2. Then There is a _____ **Release!** ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, **"I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!"**

- **Definite Proportion** Bring all the **tithes** Whatza Tithe?
²⁰ Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if He will provide me with food and clothing, and I will present to God **a tenth** of everything He gives me. Genesis 28:20,22
 Yeah, but PF that's Old Testament and Law and we are not under the Law anymore!

²³ "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. **You should tithe, yes,** but do not neglect the more important things. Matthew 23:23
 Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law. Romans 3:31 Whatzat mean?

- **Designated Place** Bring all the tithes **into the storehouse** ? Whatza storehouse?
¹⁶ Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. I Corinthians 3:16
 On the first day of each week, you should each **put aside** a portion of the money you have earned. [KJV "in store" -- same word as storehouse in Malachi 3 in LXX]. I Corinthians 16:2

- **Definite Purpose** so there will be enough food in my Temple

3. And Then There Will be a **Spiritual Renewal**--¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, **"I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!"** ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ¹² "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. Malachi 3:10-12

- **God will _____ Your Faith!** ¹⁰ "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? Luke 16:10,11
- **God will _____ Your Foes!** ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ¹² "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," Malachi 3:11-12

You will be able to do way more with 90% with God than 100% alone!

- **God will _____ Your Blessings!** "Then all nations will call you blessed, will be such a delight," Tithing is the key that opens the windows of heaven for blessings

Answers:
 Half, 500, 800, 2,000+, Return,
 Financial, Renew, Rebuke, Return

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Total Weekly Budget
\$ 11,679.00
Weekly Offering
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