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Living Generously



- **How** can I live a **generous** life?

- What **Test**?

- What are you going to do with the first **10%**?

*"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.*

**Malachi 3:6-9**

- Will a man **rob** God
- You are under a **curse**

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.*

**Malachi 3:10-12**

- Tithing is a **test**

*A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.*

**Leviticus 27:30**

- The tithe **belongs** to God – that means **1/10 or 10%**

- The test is **mutual**

- Tithing is **Biblical**

*Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.*

**Genesis 14:18-20**

- This took place **500** years **before** the Law

- Tithing is a **New Testament** principle

*"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.*

**Matthew 23:23**

- **Jesus** says that we should be tithing

- Tithing is a **blessing**

*Hezekiah asked the priests and Levites about the heaps; and Azariah the chief priest, from the family of Zadok, answered, "Since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare, because the Lord has blessed his people, and this great amount is left over."*

**2 Chronicles 31:9-10**

- When we give the tithe God **redeems** the rest

- Tithing may be more **personal** to Jesus than what we may think

- **Lord, what are you saying to me?**