

A Heart of Worship: Worship through Generosity
Malachi 3:6-15

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 18:9 (NIV): ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor...”

\$2,920 - Median per-capita household income worldwide

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MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 3:6-7 (NIV): ⁶ “I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ 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?’”

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

John 14:15 (NIV): ¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands.”

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 3:8-9 (NIV): ⁸ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.”

tithe = “a tenth”

offering = a gift to God above the tithe

MAIN POINT: Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV): ¹⁰“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. ¹¹I 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. ¹²“Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

About 20% of the people provide 80% of finances of a church.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 14:22 (NIV): ²² Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 14:29 (NIV): ...so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 11:42 (NIV): ⁴²“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

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MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 3:13-15 (NIV): ¹³ “You have spoken arrogantly against me,” says the LORD. “Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’

¹⁴ “You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?’ ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.”

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