

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were you taught about generosity (tithing, offerings, etc.) growing up? How has your practice of generosity changed over the years?
2. Why can we become cynical when the church teaches on generosity? How can we keep from being cynical?
3. Read Acts 20:35. If Jesus' words are true, why do we struggle to be more generous?
4. Read Malachi 3:6-7. What does the fact that the Lord does not change have to do with God's people not being destroyed? Contrast God's faithfulness to our fickleness.
5. Read Malachi 3:8-9. The term here "rob" means to defraud, or to "illegally obtain money from someone by deception" (dictionary.com). How were the people defrauding God? Does our lack of generosity "defraud" God today?
6. What is a tithe? What did the tithe go toward in Old Testament times?
7. Read Deuteronomy 12:6 and Matthew 23:23. Is the call of God to give tithes and offerings taught in both the Old and New Testaments? If so, what does this mean for us today?
8. Read Malachi 3:10-12. If God owns everything, why does he call us to give tithes and offerings?
9. This passage does not teach that if you give \$100 to the Lord's work you will receive back \$500. What is promised in verses 10-12?
10. According to verse 12, what is one of God's purposes in blessing us for giving back to him? How is verse 12 similar to the early church in Acts 2:46-47?
11. What needs to change in your life when it comes to growing in the grace of giving?
12. Ask someone to share a testimony of how God has come through for them as they stepped out in faith through generosity.



### Money Worship

Malachi 3:6-12

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