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Bible Study

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Honoring God through Tithing

Malachi 3:8-12

Joshua 7:19 reads, “Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.” (NIV) This verse reveals that being honest with God is one way to glorify Him. One area many Christians struggle with being true to the Lord is in paying their tithes to the church on a regular basis. Current statistics from Financial Peace states that only 12 percent of born again believers tithe back to God consistently. This lesson is designed to share why you should honor God through tithing.

Breakdown of Malachi Chapter 3

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| 1. The <u>Messenger</u> | of the Lord. | Verses 1-4 |
| 2. The <u>Message</u> | from the Lord. | Verses 5-15 |
| 3. The <u>Mercy</u> | by the Lord. | Verses 16-18 |

1. Information about God is why you should honor Him through tithing.
Verses 6-8

“I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why your descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed. 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?’” (NLT)

2. Penalization by God is why you should honor Him through tithing.
Verse 9

“You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me.” (NLT)

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3. **Obligation** _____ to God is why you should honor Him through tithing.

Verse 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!” (NLT)

4. **Donations** _____ for God is why you should honor Him through tithing.

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5. **Compensation** _____ from God is why you should honor Him through tithing.

Verses 10-12

“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.” (NLT)

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