

# RETURN TO SENDER

Big idea: Giving obediently honors a consistent God.

Malachi 3:6–12 – “I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed. 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?’ 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. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. 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! 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. “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

1. Be thankful that God never changes.

- Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

2. Our giving reveals our heart.

- Matthew 6:21 – Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
- Money reveals ownership.
- Money reveals priorities.
- Money reveals trust.

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3. Our level of obedience determines the blessing.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7–8 – You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.
- Divine provision.
- Divine protection.
- Divine pleasure.

Coming soon:

1. **5th Sunday:** Family Sunday at DRC is May 31. All of our preschool and elementary kids will join us for a special time of worship. We can't wait to worship with your family!
2. **Baptisms:** If you have made the decision to follow Jesus as your Savior but have never been baptized, sign up at the QR code for baptism next Sunday, May 31.
3. **Fight Like a Man:** Join us this Wednesday, May 27, for the final week of our men's Bible study. Learn how to be victorious over the daily temptations that every man faces.
4. **Next Steps:** Use the QR code to discover where God is leading you to get connected at DRC. This summer is the perfect time to start serving.

