



Blessed – Week Two: “What Test?”

CONNECT

- Have you ever had something stolen from you that had significant value? How did you respond?

WORD

Malachi 3:8-11

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. 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. 11 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.

THOUGHT

God is looking at our hearts when we give. Tithe means (tenth). When we give our tithes or first fruits, God receives and respects the offering. We can learn to trust God to live off of 90%, His way, than we could 100% our way. When we understand everything belongs to him, giving should become a joy. Leviticus: 27:30-30 “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.”

DISCUSSION

1. How had Malachi's peers robbed God? With what results?

2. How does the Lord challenge the people to put Him to the test? Have you felt that you experienced a moment like this?

3. Why do you think tithing is so important to God? Why do you think its important to give what's God, His?

4. Do you tithe? Why or why not do you think this is important?

5. In what way has tithing blessed you?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, give God praises of thanksgiving as you see the ways in which He has opened the floodgates of heaven over your tithing.
- This week spending time reading the importance of giving to God what is God's.

PRAYER

- Pray asking God to guide you this week, as you prepare to tithe. That your intentions are to give to God what is freely His.