



Rock Church
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Money Test
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This 3-week series unpacks the relationship between faith and finances, focusing on the powerful truth that generosity is not a burden – it's our privilege! In Part 2, Pastor Miles discusses how God encourages us to test Him, to observe His response when we faithfully bring Him our tithes.

In your group, read Malachi 3:8-10, review the points below, then discuss accordingly:

1. A tithe is the first 10% of what you have received from God.

When you get a check from your job and you do not save, you don't get to go on vacation, or retire, and have any resources for an emergency. God provided you with the skills and abilities to even have and do your job, so the first fruits of what you make should go directly to Him.

Before Law (Leviticus 27:30, Deuteronomy 26:13-15)

Abraham tithed (Genesis 14:18-20)

Jacob tithed (Genesis 28:22)

After Law (Matthew 23:23)

***Discussion:** Tithe haters are usually people who don't tithe and haven't experienced the blessings of tithing. What is your attitude of giving - do you feel you have a generous heart – why or why not? Do you believe the grace myth, that you don't have to do anything and still get blessed?*

2. Tithing is a SOURCE of blessing to THE MINISTRY (Luke 6:36, 1 Corinthians 16:1-3).

God often blesses you before you know it. His plan is already set up, you just have to trust Him in the process. God is always on time. He wants to use you to bless others over and over.

***Discussion:** Give a brief example or two of how your tithe has blessed you, your ministry, or other people.*

3. The tithe is not giving, but RETURNING it because it belongs to God (Leviticus 27:30).

The tithe that you give back to God, it's not yours to begin with. It's His, He just gave it to you to see if you would return it to Him.

***Discussion:** Do you feel that maybe you are not financially blessed because you have "something" that doesn't belong to you – if so, identify what that something is that you are holding on to, and commit to work towards making necessary adjustments.*

4. Tithing is a HEART issue, not a money issue (Matthew 6:21). It's not that you *have* to tithe, you *get* to tithe. Where your treasure is, your heart is.

***Discussion:** Think about where your money goes, what you spend it on - is it kingdom-minded or earthly-minded? What change(s), by faith, should be made?*

