

A NEW LOOK AT OUR FINANCES

(Robbing God of Blessing You)

Malachi 3:7b-12 “Return to Me, and I will return to you’, says the LORD of hosts. ‘But you said,’ ‘In what way shall we return? Will a man rob God?’ ‘Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,’ says the LORD of hosts; ‘And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

All the Tithe is the Lord’s

Leviticus 27:30 “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’S. It is holy to the LORD.

The Free Will Offering

Deuteronomy 16:10 “Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a free will offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you.”

Joshua 7:11 “Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even take some of the accursed (devoted) things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.”

We look at holding back the tithe and offerings as robbing God, but the deeper meaning is not only robbing the storehouse but robbing God of:

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Note: What we do with our finances directly effects whether or not God is robbed from blessing you.