

sermonnotes

Right on the Money: Part 3

We can cling to what we have and launch out on our own, or we can honor God with the tithe and live in confident expectation of God's provision. Your _____ will determine God's _____.

Malachi 3:6–12

The Hebrew word for “tithe” literally means tenth part and always refers to the first portion.

God does not need your money, but you need God's blessing. Honoring God with the tithe opens your life to God's provision, blessing, and protection.

Why should we honor God with the tithe?

1. Tithing is a statement of _____—God is first.
 - Exodus 23:19, Proverbs 3:9–10
 - What does it say about our priorities when we willingly pay everyone else first and then see if there is anything left to give to God?
2. Tithing is an act of _____ and _____—as you honor God with the first part of your income, you are trusting God to meet your needs.
 - Tithing is not a money issue, rather it is a trust issue. Will you trust God to be true to His Word and faithful to bring provision?

3. Tithing is an act of _____.
 - Leviticus 27:30, Matthew 23:23
 - “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”—1 Samuel 16:22
4. Tithing is an act of _____.
 - Tithing expresses our gratitude to God for His provision and acknowledges the fact that He is our source.
5. Tithing opens our lives to God's _____ and protection.
 - Two benefits of tithing according to Malachi 3:10 and 11: God's blessing will be more than you can contain. God's protection will guard you and your assets.

Each of us has a choice to make. We can keep it all and be on our own, or we can honor God first and have His promise to bless, redeem, and protect our lives.

Recommended resources:

The Blessed Life by Pastor Robert Morris
The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

Answers: decision; response; priority; trust, faith; obedience; worship; blessing

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