

First Fruits: The Seduction of Stuff

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Malachi 3:10

“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 you will not have room enough for it.”

1. GOD INSTRUCTS US TO TITHE

Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2. TITHING HONORS GOD

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

Leviticus 27:30

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.

3. GOD SAYS TO TEST HIM IN REGARDS TO TITHING

Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty...

4. GOD SAYS HE WILL BLESS US FOR TITHING

Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

Proverbs 3:9-10

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.