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“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But how do we rob you? In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – the whole nation of you – because you are robbing me.” Malachi 3:8

Five statements related to stewardship from Malachi 3:8-11...

THE TITHE IS THE MINIMUM. The word tithe comes from a Hebrew word that means **one tenth**. In the O.T. it is recognized as **belonging** to God.

Everything we have **comes from God**.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES TO DISOBEDIENCE. *You are suffering under a curse, yet you - the whole nation - are still robbing Me.* Mal. 3:9.

God's standard is **100%** obedience to **100%** of the law, **100%** of the time. Partial obedience is **not obedience at all**.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.
Galatians 3:13

THE STOREHOUSE IS WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIPPED. *Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house.* Mal. 3:10.

God expects His people to **support** the work of the church with part of their income, but the primary purpose for the tithe is for us to **put God first** in our lives.

"Each year you are to set aside a tenth of all the produce grown in your fields . . . so that you will always learn to fear the LORD your God" Deuteronomy 14:22-23.

TITHING IS A CHALLENGE TO GOD TO BLESS US. *Test Me in this way,' says the LORD of Hosts.* Mal. 3:10.

If we can trust God for our **eternal destiny**, we can surely trust God with our finances.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD. *See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.* Mal. 3:10. You cannot **out-give** God.

When we rob God we are actually **robbing ourselves**.

When we give our offering to the church or make a yearly pledge we are proclaiming that God is the **source of our very lives**.