

KINGDOM BUILDERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

Testing God

KEY SCRIPTURE | Malachi 3:6-10

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, Pastor Neal shared that Satan does not want us to hear what the Bible says about money. Why? Because living out the principles of stewardship will transform our lives, bring blessings and further the Kingdom of God. Some say that we don't need to tithe because it's an Old Testament idea that falls under the law. But there are some things, like murder, adultery, tithing, that transcend the law. And Jesus said He didn't come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. The Hebrew word translated tithe literally means a tenth. The number 10 in Scripture represents a test (plagues, commandments, as well as Daniel 1 and Revelation 2). And it's not only a tenth, it's the first tenth. The idea is that you give your first tenth not knowing if there will actually be anymore. It speaks of priority and trust. The tithe is never about money and is always about trust.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a life group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. What is the first thing you usually do on payday?
3. Read Proverbs 3:9-10. What's the difference between giving the Lord the first portion of your income rather than the last?
4. Read Matthew 6:21. Why is money such a critical issue to God? How does the way we spend our money reveal the condition of our hearts?
5. Read Malachi 3:6-10. In what ways is failing to tithe robbing God?
6. What principles of stewardship can we learn from this passage?
7. According to the key scripture, what can Christians expect as a result of giving the whole tithe to the church today?
8. God often provides in unexpected ways. Share an example when God proved his faithfulness to you through provision or protection.
9. What's your biggest take away from Sunday's message and today's discussion?

NOW WHAT?

Try it! Put God to the test. Tithe for the next 90 days. If God isn't who He says He is, we'll give you your money back, no questions asked.

