

Generosity
Part 4: True Treasure
Malachi 3:7-12

Why should I tithe?

1. It Magnifies My Faith

⁷ “... Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

⁸ Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In tithes and offerings.

⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe [10%] into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.”

Malachi 3:7-10

(also see Jesus in Matt. 23:23)

- **My Heart:** because it shows what I **love** the most (God, the people of God, the lost, etc.);
- **My Head:** because it shows what I **believe** about God (His character, trustworthiness, etc.);
- **My Hands:** because it shows what I **build** with my life (God’s Kingdom or my own).

2. It Multiplies God’s Fruit

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 there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10

Jesus said, ³⁸ “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38

(also see 2 Cor. 9:6)

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (also see

Matthew 6:19-21)

- I can’t take my treasure with me to heaven, but I can **send it on ahead!**

3. It Modifies People’s Future

¹⁰ “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. ... ¹² Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:10, 12

- When we give away our **treasure**, we help lost people discover **theirs** (⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Cor. 4:7).

