

MONEY MATTERS

(How to Make Your Money Count for Now and Forever)

HOW TO GET RIGHT WITH GOD

Malachi 3:7-12 Jeff Schreve

“From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’” Malachi 3:7

Q. What is one critical factor in getting right with God?

A. Your attitude and actions regarding money.

What are we to do to get right (and stay right) with God?

1. Stop robbing Him.

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!” Malachi 3:8-9

A. The tithe belongs to God.

Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:30

“This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”

Genesis 28:22

B. The tithe is not rescinded by grace.

*“For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; **but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.**” Matthew 23:23*

“So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.” Luke 14:33

C. Failing to tithe is stealing from your own Father.

2. Start trusting and obeying Him.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.” Malachi 3:10

A. God designed tithing to strengthen your faith.

B. God designed tithing to combat your trust in money.

*Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
1 Timothy 6:17*

C. He designed tithing as a vehicle to bless your socks off.

1. You will experience His miraculous provision.

2. You will experience His miraculous protection.

*“Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,” says the LORD of hosts.
Malachi 3:11*

3. You will experience the joy of giving.

*“And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the LORD of hosts.
Malachi 3:12*

Will you believe God and start obeying Him?