



Week 2: What Test?

1. Tithing is a [TEST](#).

Malachi 3:6-12

⁶ “For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. ⁷ Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” Says the Lord of hosts.

“But you said, ‘In what way shall we return?’ ⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You? ‘In tithes and offerings.

⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try 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 such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts; ¹² “And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.

2. Tithing is [BIBLICAL](#).

Tithing removes the curse, rebukes the devourer & restores the blessing.

Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

3. Tithing is a [BLESSING](#).

When we don't tithe, we are robbing God of the opportunity to **bless us!**

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

For further reflection:

-Tithing is a test that reveals in whom or what we have our trust.

-In the past, how did you view tithing and what was your understanding of it?

-Read Deuteronomy 26:1-2 and Malachi 3:6-12. What stands out to you most as you read these passages?

-What is the purpose of tithing? What would keep someone from tithing?

-Why are we already under a curse concerning finances and provision? What is God's desire for us concerning this curse? How does this change your perspective on tithing, if at all?

-What does God specifically promise those who will step out in faith and honor Him in their finances? What does this demonstrate about His character?

-Thank God for His promise to bless and provide for those who place their faith in Him as evidenced by tithing. Thank Him for his generous nature. If you've been living under the curse because you haven't been obedient in this area, ask God to forgive you and to change your heart. Express your faith and trust in Him and His goodness.

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8am & 10am - Bettendorf Campus

9am & 11am - Rock Island Campus



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