

TITHE & THRIVE

What Money Moves Can Change Everything?

Text: Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:7-12

Money Matters (Part 4)

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. How much do you typically “tip” someone who serves you at a restaurant? What motivates your choice?
2. On what grounds could God possibly say that someone’s unwillingness to “tithe” constituted actual “robbery” toward him?
3. What % of your “after-tax” income do you invest in the work of the Temple/Storehouse/Church? How do you decide this amount?
4. Of the various reasons for tithing that were described in the message, which ones particularly stuck in your heart or mind? Why?
 - Tithing is an act of obedience to the direct commandment of God
 - Tithing honors God and reflects his appropriate “first” place in my life
 - Tithing is one way I avoid “robbing” the Owner
 - Tithing demonstrates my readiness to steward further blessings
 - Tithing is a key discipline of the beautiful life of generosity
5. (For your confidential consideration) What would your monthly gift to the church be if you were giving 5% of your monthly income? 10%? A tip?

¹Joel Belz, “Shame On Us,” *World Magazine*, August 24, 2002

²http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DuPage_County,_Illinois#Median_house_values_and_average_household_income