

# Do You Desire God 's Blessing?

## Malachi 3:8-12

**Introduction:** Reasons for Preaching on Tithing

- a. Jesus taught more on money than Heaven and Hell
- b. Jesus said in [Matthew 6:21](#) "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" - Money can cause people to lose focus on Spiritual Priorities
- c. Not that we need your money
- d. Tithing is an act of obedience and Worship
- e. Tithing leads to God 's Blessings!

I. Recognize the Difference ([v.8a](#) )

- f. [Tithe](#) - 10% of your income
  - i. 1 dime of every dollar
  - ii. Defined as - "small part"
- g. [Offering](#) - gift, offering is given freely from the generosity of your heart
- h. You cannot give an offering (free) until you have given a tithe (obedience)

II. Realize the Problem ([v.8b-9](#) )

- a. The people in Malachi 's day were robbing God
  - b. They were not giving their tithes and offering (God knows your giving record)
  - c. They were robbing God of the obedience due Him
  - d. They were robbing themselves of God 's blessing
- e. How many of us rob ourselves of God's blessing?

III. Resolve to be Obedient ([v.10a](#) )

- a. God said "bring ye all the tithe into the Storehouse"
  - b. "Storehouse" - God's House, picturesque of the fact that His house has sufficiency to minister to those in need
- c. Bring all the tithe - they were bringing some but not all
  - 7.5% is still not a tithe
- d. Determine in your heart to tithe
- e. You must decide to do so and practice it (first check)
- f. God said "test me" - Try Me, Prove Me

#### IV. Remember His Promise (**v.10b**)

- a. I will open the windows of Heaven and pour out for a blessing
- b. A blessing so great it will "Overflow"
- c. Blessing - Anyway God chooses to do so
- d. **V. 11** - preserve your produce
- e. **V. 12** - all nations will call you "Blessed"