

# 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.Sb-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.IOa](#) )

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"