



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 02/16/2020
DISCUSSION DATE: 02/23/2020
TEXT: MALACHI 3:8-12

I. CONFRONTING THE GLORY ROBBER IN ALL OF US (MAL 3:8-12).

A. Glory Robbing Is Our Default Disposition (v. 8-9).

B. Glory Robbing Reveals A Lack Of Trust And A Faulty Value System (v.8-10a).

So how many tithes were required in Israel?

1. Are we under obligation to TITHE?

2. How are we to approach giving so that we are not guilty of robbing God?

C. Glory Robbers experience God's Just Judgment (v. 9, 11).

D. Glory Robbing Can Be Overcome Through Repentant Faith (v. 10, 12).

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Read Malachi 3:8-9.** What truths about God's character/person help us know that it is impossible for a person to rob God and get away with it? Why do people/we still rob God? Why is glory robbing our default disposition? In what ways are we tempted to rob God?
2. **Read Matthew 6:33; Philippians 2:3; 1 Timothy 6:10-12; 1 John 2:15-16; John 12:25.** How do we fight the good fight to live by faith and not yield to our glory robbing? How do we "hate our life in this world?" What does it look like for us to pursue godliness?
3. **Read Malachi 3:8-1.** What did it mean for Israel to bring in the full tithe? Why were they failing to give what the Lord commanded? Why were they living in denial?
4. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:12-17; Matthew 6:19-21.** What brought David great joy? How should we view giving to the Lord's work? What truths about stewardship are presented in these two texts?
5. **Read Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 8:1-2; 8:7-8; 9:6-11.** Whose example is lifted up for believers to follow in giving? What do we learn from their examples? What evidences of grace did Paul commend? How is giving a grace? What kind of giving honors the Lord?
6. **Read Malachi 3:9, 11; 2 Corinthians 9:6.** What did God promise would happen to Israel as a result of their glory-robbing? How does Paul's admonition apply to our giving?
7. **Read Malachi 3:10, 12; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11.** How we Israel to demonstrate repentance from their glory robbing ways? What happens when God's people believe God's promise and keep His commandments? What does GRACE enable us to do? What has God promised to provide (2 Cor. 9:8)?