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*Malachi 3:6-12*

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Discuss: Giving should be voluntary on a regular basis in proportion to your income springing forth with joy because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

How can we rob God? How can you be giving and yet still be robbing God?

How is God inviting the Israelites to test Him in this matter?  (Verse 10)

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, 11 and look at the connection to us.

Discuss: As we give to the Lord, He will keep giving to us in a variety of ways so that we can continue to abound in every good work, including the work of giving.

Discuss Motives:  Don’t give to get but give to worship.

Read II Corinthians 8:1-5 and discuss the idea of Generous Proportionality.  How can you give in proportion to your means and sacrificially beyond?

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