

Big Idea

Ask yourself these questions – what does your heavenly bank account look like? Are you storing up treasures here on earth, or are you storing up treasures in Heaven? Does the topic of generosity make you uncomfortable? Where is your heart on being financially generous?

God is watching the heart behind your giving. God wants us to view our generosity as something that we GET to do, not what we have to do. Our finances are consecrated when we return them to God's house and they are cursed when kept in our hands. Would you rather live of the 100% and be cursed or live of the 90% and be blessed?

There are three levels of giving: tithes, offerings, and extravagant offerings. Most Christians will never experience these three levels of giving – most Christians don't even experience the first level (tithes). But, once you experience the first level, it opens the door for the second level (and the second level the third).

However, the offering is a free will – it says this over and over in scripture. So how do we rob God with a free will offering? The only way is by robbing Him of an opportunity to bless you. When we have faith, trust God, and step out and give, we give God an opportunity to bless us! Put God to the test.

Scripture

- God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey him. (Philippians 2:13).
- "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8)
- Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not steal. (Matthew 6:19-20).

Discussion Question

- Share something new that you learned from the message. What stood out to you?
- Talk about a time that you struggled with the being obedient in tithes and offerings?
- Can you recall a time that God miraculously provided or blessed you after you began to tithe? Share.
- What is keeping you from experiencing all three levels of giving?

Prayer Focus

Father, we thank you for all that you have given us. Search our hearts, God, and help us to see where we fall short – especially if we are robbing you of what belongs to you. Help us to trust You always. Bless your people, Lord. In Jesus name, amen.

Next Steps

- If you are not a tither, prayerfully consider taking the 90 Day Tithe Challenge.
- If you are a faithful tither, prayerfully consider moving to the next level of giving – either offerings or extravagant offerings.
- Through the next few weeks and/or months, continue praying and being faithful to your commitment to God and take inventory of what God begins to do in your life.

Leader Tip

Because the topic of generosity can be a sensitive one, encourage everyone (and do so yourself) to be transparent in all of their thoughts and questions about where they are with tithes and offerings. Be diligent about seeking Scripture to address what each person shares, and prayerfully guide them through discussions.