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Who Signs Your Paycheck?

Malachi 3:8-10 *"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.*

1. Tithing is about TRUSTING.

- Decree or Ordinance – A clear Communication of what someone should do; a practice and prescription of ORDINARY BEHAVIOR.

"If a person gets their attitude about money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of their life." -Billy Graham

2. Tithing is BIBLICAL.

KEY TERMS:

- A Tithe = The FIRST 10% of the whole.
- A Curse = The CONSEQUENCES of ignoring God's decrees.

Tithing in Biblical History:

- *Genesis 14:18-20* – 500 years before the Law.
- *Genesis 28:22* – Jacob – 400 years before the Law.
- *Leviticus 27:30* – The Law given to Israel.
- *Deuteronomy 26* – the practice of Israel.
- *Matthew 23:23* – Jesus, "This you ought to do."
- *Hebrews 7:8* – The early church affirms.

Tithing is connected to the Old Testament, the New Testament and the LOCAL CHURCH.

Tithing is the established, ordinary, wise, expected, practical, effective spiritual, MAIN & PLAIN practice of believers.

It's never about the dollar, it's about DEVOTION to God.

For those who are forgiven, the modern-day question is: HOW MUCH MORE should we give?

3. Tithing is a BLESSING.

Non-Tithers say, "I CAN'T AFFORD TO TITHE."

Tithers say, "I AM SO BLESSED."

Three Openings God Promises:

- Heavenly PROVISION ("floodgates").
- Potent PROTECTION ("prevent").
- Divine PLEASURE ("delightful").

This is the only place in the Bible where God urges us to test Him. PASS THE TEST and take the 3-month challenge!

