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Impact: Supporting Your Local Church
Should I Give to My Local Church

Malachi 3:7–12 (HCSB)

“Since the days of your fathers, you have turned from My statutes; you have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of Hosts. But you ask: “How can we return?”⁸ “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me!” You ask: “How do we rob You?” “By not making the payments of the tenth and the contributions.⁹ You are suffering under a curse, yet you - the whole nation - are still robbing Me.¹⁰ Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way,” says the LORD of Hosts. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not ruin the produce of your land and your vine in your field will not fail to produce fruit,” says the LORD of Hosts.¹² “Then all the nations will consider you fortunate, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD of Hosts.

1. _____ TO SCRIPTURAL STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES vv 7-9

- When we _____ biblical stewardship principles, there are consequences.
- Not giving to the church is robbing God.
- We can return to God with faithful _____, and He will return to us.

2. WE TITHE (10%) TO OUR _____, WE GIVE OFFERINGS TO OTHER MINISTRIES v 10a

- Tithing is an Old Testament _____; the New Testament standard is greater.
- We can start where we are and move toward where we should be.

3. WE CAN _____ THE LORD IN ONLY ONE AREA - OUR STEWARDSHIP v 10b

- God says to test Him in our giving.
- When we are faithful in giving, God is faithful in _____.

4. GOD WILL RUN INTERFERENCE FOR US WHEN WE ARE _____ v 11

- The devil is our enemy seeking to destroy us.

1 Peter 5:8 (HCSB)

Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

- Our faithfulness activates God’s _____ from our enemy.

5. _____ COME WITH STOREHOUSE GIVING v 12

- We don’t give to _____; we give to be obedient and faithful.
- Even the world will take notice of God’s favor.

The Next Step:

Acknowledge God’s plan of giving through the local church to accomplish His mission.