

NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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THE BLESSED LIFE – Part 2 – The Blessed Test

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GOD IS TESTING YOU

- **WILL YOU LOVE AND TRUST MONEY OR WILL YOU LOVE AND TRUST GOD?**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:10-11

MONEY PROMISES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE

- **SECURITY**
- **FREEDOM**
- **POWER**
- **SIGNIFICANCE**

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matthew 6:24

10 Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. Ecclesiastes 5:10

THE BLESSED TEST

- **I WILL GIVE GOD MY FIRST AND MY BEST SO HE CAN BLESS THE REST.**

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. Leviticus 27:30

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me." But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me. Malachi 3:8

THE BLESSINGS OF THE TITHE

1) TITHING PROVIDES FOR GOD'S WORK THROUGH HIS CHURCH.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Malachi 3:10a

2) TITHING TEACHES ME TO PUT GOD FIRST.

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

3) TITHING INCREASES MY FAITH IN GOD.

'Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' Malachi 3:10b

...For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. Matthew 23:23 (NLT)

WE GIVE TO GOD FIRST

- **IT REQUIRES FAITH TO GIVE FIRST. IF YOU GIVE LAST, IT DOESN'T REQUIRE FAITH.**

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing... Proverbs 3:9-10

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

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