

TOUGH LOVE FOR THE HALF-HEARTED

Robbing God – Malachi 2:17-3:5

Unchanging God (Malachi 3:6-7)

“I the LORD do not change...”
Malachi 3:6

Realization: God is _____; he does not change.

Response: _____ to the Lord.

Robbing God (Malachi 3:8-9)

*“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.
‘But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’
‘In tithes and offerings...’”*
Malachi 3:8

Realization: We are _____, not _____.

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be
food in my house. Test me in this...”*
Malachi 3:10

Response: Give back to God what _____ to him.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21

How should we give?

Give *sacrificially*.

Give *proportionally*.

Give *cheerfully*.

Why should we give?

1. Because of God’s past _____ (v. 6).

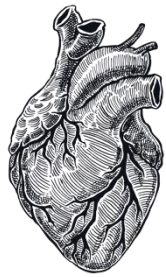
2. Because of God’s promised _____ (vv. 10-11).

3. Because of the _____ we can be to others (v. 12).

What we get, we get to give away.

Ultimately, this isn’t about _____ but about _____.

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his poverty might become rich.”*
II Corinthians 8:9



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Realization: God is immutable; he does not change.

Response: Return to the Lord.

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Realization: We are stewards, not owners.

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food in my house. Test me in this...”*
Malachi 3:10

Response: Give back to God what already belongs to him.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
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How should we give?

Give *sacrificially*.
Give *proportionally*.
Give *cheerfully*.

Why should we give?

1. Because of God’s past faithfulness (v. 6).
2. Because of God’s promised blessing (vv. 10-11).
3. Because of the blessing we can be to others (v. 12).

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Ultimately, this isn’t about giving but about trust.

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