

“WHAT TEST?”

The Blessed Life :: Part 2

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Malachi 3:6 *“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”*

Malachi 3:7 *“Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them.”*

Malachi 3:7-10 *“...Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty. But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’⁸ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings.⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 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 there will not be room enough to store it.¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty.¹² “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.”*

1. Tithing is _____.

2. Tithing is _____.

Genesis 14:20 *“...then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”*

Lev. 27:30 *“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.”*

Deuteronomy 26:15 *“Look down from heaven...and bless your people...”*

Matthew 23:23 *“You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”*

3. Tithing is _____.

Hebrews 7:8-10 (Message) *Or look at it this way: We pay our tithes to priests who die, but Abraham paid tithes to a priest who, the Scripture says, “lives.” Ultimately you could even say that since Levi descended from Abraham, who paid tithes to Melchizedek, when we pay tithes to the priestly tribe of Levi they end up with Melchizedek.*

4. Tithing is _____.

2 Chronicles 31:1-10

Matthew 25:14-30 & Luke 19:12-28