

Group Discussion Questions

Week 3



Life.Money.Hope. Week 3

- Share about a time in the past year, when your financial situation limited your ability to give.
- Discuss a time when you were able to meet another person's financial need. Did that act of giving change you? If so, how?

When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

Deuteronomy 26:12 (NIV)

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 you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

- What types of blessings have you seen come from tithing? Why do you think God says to test Him in this? Have you tested Him in this? What have been the results?

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

- In order to be truly Christ-like, we must be givers. Even though God created us in His own image to be givers, why is it often difficult for us to give ?

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

Psalms 24:1 (NKJV)

- Giving is a reminder that we are to be good managers of what God has blessed us with. What happens when we start acting like "owners" instead of "managers?"

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

- Have you ever given reluctantly or out of guilt? Why isn't God interested in this kind of giving? What is the connection between our hearts and our giving?
- Has giving been a way of praising and worshiping God for you personally? Why or why not? If so, how has it brought you closer to God?

I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground.

Malachi 3:8 (NKJV)

- Giving is a powerful weapon when it comes to spiritual warfare. describe a time when you saw giving bring light into a place of spiritual darkness.

Final thought: Ask God to continue His work in your heart to make you look more and more like Him. Ask Him to guide your management of His resources so you can be the radical and extravagant giver He designed you to be.

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You Need A Plan

In order to get the most out of this series, below are some optional activities you might consider doing this week. These are designed to help you become the type of giver God is calling you to be.

1. **Give something away this week.** Set a certain amount of money aside this week to give to someone else. The amount can be anything from \$1 to \$100 or more. Take that money and pray about it. Ask God to show you who He wants you to give the money to. God may direct you to give the money to a complete stranger such as a waiter or waitress at a restaurant, a delivery person, a family in need, or a cashier at a store. He may direct you to give it to a co-worker, friend or relative. Try to stay anonymous, giving as a steward on behalf the one who truly owns it all.
2. **Consistently tithe for three months.** In Malachi 3:10 God says "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 you will not have room enough for it." This is the only time where God asks us to test Him. So, if you are not consistently tithing, try it. Commit to tithe 10 percent of your income over the next three months. During that time, ask God to help you be very aware of how He uses your giving to change your heart and relationship with Him.

Here are some suggestions you may want to use for your time with God this week:

- Day 1:** Read Deuteronomy 26:12 and Malachi 3:10-11. Pray and thank God for the opportunities to give back to Him.
- Day 2:** Read Genesis 1:27. Ask God for opportunities to give to others in need. Ask God to help you to become the giver He has called you to be.
- Day 3:** Read Psalm 24:1. Thank God for all He has given you. Commit to being a better manager of all He has given you in terms of family, health, finances and other blessings.
- Day 4:** Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Pray and ask God to give you the heart of a cheerful giver. Commit to God that your giving will be an act of worship. Praise Him during your time of prayer.
- Day 5:** Read Malachi 3:8. Pray for God's strength, protection and wisdom in battling the attacks of the enemy on you personally and those around you.

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