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## **“THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH”**

### **7 Pillars Part 6: The Discipline of Giving**

#### **HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM A BAD FINANCIAL STEWARD?**

1. If I must pawn something in order to get daily resources.
2. If I put off this bill to pay next month.
3. If I am borrowing money to pay bills.
4. If I am making loans to pay off debts.
5. If I am having nightmares about money.
6. If I am constantly stressed about finances.
7. If debt collectors are calling me.
8. If I am receiving disconnect notifications.
9. If I have something pending with a collection agency.
10. If I don't know my credit score.
11. If I am not paying bills on time.
12. If I am not fiscally responsible.

#### **THE DISCIPLINE OF GIVING**

- The Nation of Israel had left God. God was extremely angry with the Nation.
- The anger of God has consequences.
- There must be recognition of sin and restitution made to the Savior.
- God also can withhold blessings from His creatures.

- I. THE **RETURN** OF THE **SAINTS** Malachi 3:6-8
- A. The tithe is **10%** of your **gross** earnings. Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30
  - B. There is a **curse** because of **disobedience**.
  - C. God is a God of **wrath**.

- II. THE **REASON** FOR GOD'S **STATEMENT** Malachi 3:10
- A. There were **3 types** of **tithes** in the Old Testament.
  - B. The tithes were for the **food festivals**, **charity**, and the **Levites**.
  - C. The **storehouse** is the room in the temple where grain was kept.
  - D. Meat represents **ministries**, **missions**, and **ministers**.

Jesus mentioned tithes in **Matthew 23:23** and **Luke 11:42**. He mentioned being born again in **John 3**.

- III. THE **RESOURCES** THAT HEAVEN **SHOWERS** Malachi 3:10-12
- A. God will **provide** for you **bountifully**.
    - 1. He will **water** what you **plant**.  
Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:24-25; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6
  - B. God will **protect** your **blessing**. Malachi 3:11
    - 1. He will handle the **pests**.
    - 2. He will ensure you from **delivering** prematurely.
  - C. God will cause others to **perceive** that you are **blessed**. Malachi 3:12