
USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Money is one of the things we know we need but don't want to talk about. Tithing - bringing back to God what he has given us - is a test of trust and a way to honor God - understanding tithing as an act of obedience and trust in God.

» Main Points

- Money is a heart issue.
- The tithe is a test.
- The tithe is biblical.
- The tithe is a blessing.

» Getting Started

- What would you do with one million dollars?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Matthew 6:21](#); [7:1-2](#); [23:23](#); [Luke 6:37-38](#); [Psalm 20:7](#); [Malachi 3:6-10](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

**reachout**

- When we talk about generosity, we can be generous in all aspects of our lives, not just giving to church but also generous with our neighbors, friends, and the people around us. Where can you be generous with your time or your money this week?

**growdeep**

- The tithe is a test - Reread [Malachi 3:6-10](#). "It doesn't take faith to give God what's left. It takes faith to put God first." What barriers do we have when giving back to God first?
- The tithe is biblical - Reread [Matthew 6:21 and 23:23](#). How are our hearts related to our money?
- The tithe is a blessing - Reread [Psalm 20:7](#). What are some things we put our trust in instead of trusting God with our finances? Why do you think it's difficult to trust God with our money?

**partner
with families**

- Talk with your kids about a plan to give. [Dave Ramsey has some helpful parental resources](#), including dividing money into three areas (Give, Save, and Spend). Talk about how we can give from our hearts!

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Check out the [#BankOnGodChallenge](#) and commit to tithing for the next three months. Remember, God desires your heart, and money is a heart issue.
- Close by praying this prayer: God, everything I have belongs to you. Help me remember this and trust you with all I have. As I surrender my finances to you, please give me courage and peace and help transform my heart.