

Part 2 – The Devastation of a Disobedient Steward



Malachi 3:6-8

- Stewardship is “God’s plan to fulfill my life.”
 - This principle is God’s plan to cause His will to produce an abundance.
 - Purpose: a character building, principle.
 - Goal: to super abound and meet the needs of others.
 - Objective: how to be a wise steward over the provision of God.
- Review – Part 1 – “The Devastation of a Disobedient Steward.”
 - God asked man two questions:
 1. Adam where are you? Do you know what you have done to yourself?
 2. Cain do you realize what you have done to your brother?

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- The third question that is asked is will a man rob God?
 - The question really means that when you decide to take that which belongs to God, do you realize what you have done to my plan?
 - When I decide to rob God, what have I done to myself, what have I done to my brother, and what have I done to the plan of God?
 - There are two ways to rob God: spiritual robbery and temporal robbery.
- Spiritual robbery is robbing God of His spiritual resources.
 1. Functional gifts (Rom. 12:6-8), there are seven. Every person has a functional gift.
 2. Protection gifts (1 Cor. 12:8-10). Every person has a protection gift.
 - A. The supernatural gifts to speak – so that we can speak the supernatural things of God.
 - B. The supernatural gifts to act.
 - C. The supernatural gifts just to know.

3. The perfecting gifts (Eph. 4). We do not all have these gifts.
 - When you decide to rob God of your spiritual gifts, what have you done to yourself?
 - A. The first thing I must realize is that God's plan for my life is hid in the exercise of my spiritual gifts.
 - B. When I rob God of my spiritual gifts, I rob myself of the peace of God.
 - C. When I rob God of my spiritual gifts, I rob myself of the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
 - When I rob God of His spiritual gifts, what have I done to the plan of God?
 - When you refuse to exercise your spiritual gifts, you leave a hole in the plan of God.
 - The second question is will a man rob God?
 - Temporal robbery is robbing God of His natural resources.
 - Temporal things are received and controlled by money.
 - Money is the medium of exchange, therefore, we can boil temporal things to "financial responsibility."
 - The attitude towards temporal things (1 John 2:15).
 - Love not the world – don't love the system of the world.
 - God did not say that we couldn't have things, He said to not to love them.
- There are seven purposes of the tithe.
 1. The tithe belongs to the local church (v. 10).
 2. The tithe benefits the people (meat in My house).
 3. The tithe puts God to the test.
 4. The tithe opens the windows of heaven.
 5. The tithe prevents the erosion of the 90% that is left.
 6. The tithe will make sure you get a full return on your investment.
 7. The tithe will make a good witness to the world of the faithfulness of God (v. 12).
 - The purpose of the offering: it covers obligated and designated expenses.

- **The offering meets three types of needs.**
 - 1. It meets specific needs (missions).**
 - 2. It meets the corporate needs (to make a place to work the ministry).**
 - 3. It meets individual needs (Luke 6:38).**
- **When I decide to rob God of the tithes, and offering, I discredit the body of Christ in the eyes of the world.**