



"How to Break the Power of Money Over Your Life"
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INTRODUCTION

Giving generously breaks the power of money over our life, and brings God's blessing into our life. And God knows this is true! **There's only one place in the Bible where God** told His followers to test Him. In the book of Malachi, when teaching about generosity, God said, **"Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven."** But it's not about the money. When it comes to our finances, what God really wants from us is our hearts and our trust.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Chronicles 29:14. Many generous givers share the **PERSPECTIVE that "God owns it all."** **Have you ever thought about your money and possessions this way?** Why or why not? Why is it easy to forget that God is our ultimate provider?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:11 and Acts 20:35. How are these two verses related to your **generosity and the experience of God's blessing?** Have you ever thought about **WHY** God has blessed you with what you have?
3. **Isaiah 32:8 says "Generous people PLAN to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity."** Also read **Proverbs 3:9-10**, **Leviticus 27:30**, and **Malachi 3:10**. What are the things you plan for, financially? How do you prioritize how you spend your money? Is tithing part of your financial plan? Do you have a Give→Save→Spend system in your family? Share about it.
4. Read Ephesians 2:1, 4-5 and 2 Corinthians 9:13. Generous people have had a **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** with the gospel that opens their hearts to generosity. How have you experienced this in your own life?
5. We believe wholeheartedly that God blesses those who live generously. So Tyler issued an invitation/challenge to everyone: Tithe for three months and see what happens. **If you don't start to see a transformation in your heart or in your life, we will refund 100% of your tithe — no questions asked.** What are your thoughts about tithing? Have you had any experience with it?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

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."**

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests and close in prayer. Commit to praying for one another throughout the week.