



What Test? Robert Morris

Focus God designed a test for every time you get paid.

Fun Were you ever taken by surprise during school with a pop quiz?

Review Key Scriptures: Malachi 3:6–12; Numbers 14; Genesis 14:18–20; Genesis 28:22; Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 26:1–2, 13–15; Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:8

1. Tithing is a test. The word *tithe* means a tenth. In Scripture, the number 10 represents testing. For example, God tested Pharaoh's heart 10 times and sent 10 plagues. The Ten Commandments are another test of the heart for every Christian.
2. Tithing is biblical. Tithing appears in Scripture before the Law is given. Jesus also spoke of tithing. Tithers always say they are blessed, while those who don't tithe say they can't afford to tithe. You will never be able to afford to tithe until you start to tithe. Tithing removes the curse, rebukes the devourer, and restores the blessing.
3. Tithing is personal to God. The Church is the bride of Christ. When you don't tithe, you are robbing God of the opportunity to bless you.

Group Dynamics Idea After you have completed Growth Path, we encourage you to continue growing as a follower of Jesus through Next Steps. Through these series, you will learn fundamental truths that will not only help you deepen your relationship with God but also set you on a path to the abundant life Jesus has promised you.

Discuss

1. Have you been tested with tithing? If so, what did you learn through that time?

2. Have you tested God as He says in Malachi 3:10? Did God prove Himself to be true?
3. Read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14–30. Which servant do you connect with? Which servant do you want to be like? What changes would it take for you to be that servant?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Tithing removes the curse.
- Tithing rebukes the devourer.
- Tithing restores the blessing.

Prayer Father God, forgive us when we have not obeyed Your ordinances and tithed as we should have. Help us to be faithful in this area just as You are faithful to us. Help us be bold and test You in this area. Thank You for teaching us this principle. Lord, we pray You will open the windows of heaven and change people's lives with Your mercy, grace, and overflowing blessings. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Pray for repentance and renewal in the hearts of God's people.