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**Who Owns Your Wallet?**

Malachi 3:6-12

**When You Refuse to Give, You Are Robbing God (3:6-9)**

- God continues to love us because _____ is faithful. (6)
  - We must trust his unchanging _____.
- God will only continue to bless us as long as _____ are faithful. (7)
  - We must turn from unfaithful _____.
- God _____ spiritual robbery. (8)
- God _____ spiritual robbery. (9)

**When You Refuse to Give, You Are Robbing Yourself (3:10-11)**

- God promises divine _____. (10)
- God promises divine _____. (11)
- How should we give?
  - Give to God gratefully.
  - Give to God _____. (Matt. 6:33)
  - Give primarily to your local _____. (Gal. 6:6; 1 Cor. 9:14)
  - Give _____. (2 Cor. 9:7)
  - Give regularly and deliberately. (1 Cor. 16:2)
  - Give _____.
- Why should we give?
  - We give to _____ the leaders.
  - We give to _____ the work.
  - We give to _____ for the needy.
- Should Christians tithe today?
  - There is _____ command to tithe under the new covenant.
    - Every New Testament example of giving goes _____ the tithe.
    - "Grace giving" in the New Testament involves _____ sacrifice than giving in the Old Testament, not less.
      - Old Testament believers had to calculate how much to _____.
      - New Testament believers must decide how much to _____.
  - This is a helpful _____, not a legalistic mandate.
    - _____ your giving with 10% to your church.
      - This is the "floor" of giving.
    - _____ your giving with greater percentages according to your excess.
      - There is no "ceiling" on giving.

**When You Refuse to Give, You Are Robbing Others (3:12)**

- Notice what the world will say…
  - If you honor God with your money, they will say that God has shown you _____.
- Notice what the world will see…
  - If you honor God with your money, they will see that our God is _____.

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**When You Refuse to Give, You Are Robbing God (3:6-9)**

- God continues to love us because **he** is faithful. (6)
    - We must trust his unchanging **grace**.
- God will only continue to bless us as long as **we** are faithful. (7)
    - We must turn from unfaithful **greed**.
- God **confronts** spiritual robbery. (8)
- God **condemns** spiritual robbery. (9)

**When You Refuse to Give, You Are Robbing Yourself (3:10-11)**

- God promises divine **provision**. (10)
- God promises divine **protection**. (11)
- How should we give?
    - Give to God gratefully.
    - Give to God **first**. (Matt. 6:33)
    - Give primarily to your local **church**. (Gal. 6:6; 1 Cor. 9:14)
    - Give **cheerfully**. (2 Cor. 9:7)
    - Give regularly and deliberately. (1 Cor. 16:2)
    - Give **sacrificially**.
- Why should we give?
    - We give to **compensate** the leaders.
    - We give to **continue** the work.
    - We give to **care** for the needy.
- Should Christians tithe today?
    - There is **no** command to tithe under the new covenant.
        - Every New Testament example of giving goes **beyond** the tithe.
        - "Grace giving" in the New Testament involves **greater** sacrifice than giving in the Old Testament, not less.
            - Old Testament believers had to calculate how much to **give**.
            - New Testament believers must decide how much to **keep**.
    - This is a helpful **guideline**, not a legalistic mandate.
        - **Start** your giving with 10% to your church.
            - This is the "floor" of giving.
        - **Expand** your giving with greater percentages according to your excess.
            - There is no "ceiling" on giving.

**When You Refuse to Give, You Are Robbing Others (3:12)**

- Notice what the world will say…
    - If you honor God with your money, they will say that God has shown you **favor**.
- Notice what the world will see…
    - If you honor God with your money, they will see that our God is **faithful**.