

MESSAGE NOTES

Pressure Points series - Generosity

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Text: Malachi 3:8-10

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_____ : Having more than we need.

_____ : Is to have God's divine and supernatural power

working on and in your life.

Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do

we rob you?' In _____ and _____."

Malachi 3:9, "You are under a curse - the whole nation of you - because

you are _____ me."

Malachi 3:10, "Bring the whole _____ 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 _____ that you will not have room enough for it.'"

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of January 29, 2023

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GETTING STARTED _____

1. Do money and finances bring you joy, or is it something that brings stress into your life? Explain.
2. What are the negative effects when we stress over our finances or the management of money?
3. Why do so many adults lack discipline in money management?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. According to **Malachi 3:8-12**, the people's failure to tithe wasn't the only reason God withheld His blessing. What was the greater problem?

What does a lack of faithfulness in giving reveal about our relationship with God?

2. Read **Matthew 19:16-30**. How would you describe the faith of the rich young ruler? What was it that he wanted?

What did the rich young ruler do to try and obtain what he wanted?

Why didn't Jesus condemn him for following the law rather than relying on faith?

3. In **2 Corinthians 8:1-15**, Paul affirms the Macedonia church for being generous. What can we learn about the Macedonians from their giving?

What are some things from this passage you observe regarding their giving?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. Based on what we've read, why is it important for you, as a Christian, to be generous? Why is it important for the church, as a collective body, to be generous?

2. On Sunday, we were all given the opportunity to take the 90-day giving challenge. Which part of the challenge did you accept?

How can your group encourage you in the next 90 days to do what you committed to doing?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

