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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Managers Of His Property (Pt. 1 of 2)

MALACHI 3:6-12 NLT - (6) "I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed. (7) Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' (8) "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. (9) You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. (10) **Bring all the tithes** into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! (11) Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. (12) "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

We the people of this planet, own nothing! We were created by God along with everything else. We are given instructions on how to live while that blessing itself is in existence. God owns everything! We are "Managers of His Property." Another word to describe this is called "Stewardship." We are stewards of God's property. To tithe is to pay a tenth for the support of a church. God instructs in verse ten (above verse) to **bring all tithes!** It is a command. Do not conduct yourself as the people did in the above passage. They were robbing God from what is rightfully His! Whether you go to church or not, we have a responsibility to tithe and as well to offer unto God what is rightfully His, with a joyful attitude. If we hold back from genuinely giving God what is rightfully His, we will fall in the category of robbing Him! God also tells us that when we do what has been instructed, one will reap blessings! (verse 10-12)

Now, let me address the following scenario: Many refuse to pay their tithes because of what the church may be doing with the money. First, pay your tithes because it is a command from God! It is not your possession. Therefore, if the church or church leadership is doing wrong (robbing God), you will still be rewarded for your obedience anyway. When we die, we will have to face Christ and explain what we did with the treasures He blessed us with. If we robbed Him corporately or individually, we will have to explain our actions before Him!

Time, Talent and Treasures. We will be judged for the managing of all three subjects. Don't rob God of anything, but do as instructed and leave the wrong actions to Him. Remember, bring Him all! He knows when we are not giving our best and what is rightfully His. Again, in verse (10) He gives a command!

Now go back and read verses 6-9.

SCRIPTURE
PSALMS 24:1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Basic Information Before Leaving Earth