

**Series:** Questioning God  
**Message:** Questioning God's Faithfulness  
**Scripture:** Malachi 3:7-12 (NASB)  
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### **Malachi 3:7-12**

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<sup>8</sup> *"Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.*

<sup>9</sup> *"You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!*

<sup>10</sup> *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.*

<sup>11</sup> *"Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.*

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1. God's Barometer For Trust In His Faithfulness Is Generous Giving. vs 7-8a

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2. God's Standard For Generous Giving Is The Tithe And Offerings. vs 8b

### **Malachi 3:8b**

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3. To Fail To Give Generously Is To Deny God's Faithfulness. vs. 10-12

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#### 5. To Fail To Give Generously Is To Rob Oneself. vs 10-12

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