

The Promise of Ongoing Provision

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*"From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts."
(Malachi 3:7-12 ESV)*

We are to bring the FULL tithe into the storehouse of the local church.

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house..." (v. 10)

*"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."
(Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV)*

The tithe is the TEST that triggers God's abundant provision.

"...And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." (v. 11)

The tithe is the test that ensures God's perpetual PROTECTION.

"I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts." (v. 11)

Faithfulness in tithing frames God's FAVOR with others.

"Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts." (v. 12)

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21 ESV)