



What are the 5 ways we generally use our money ...

Write some notes from our texts today ...

[Malachi 3:7-10, NIV]

How do we see a clear "cause & affect" taking place ...

God is saying, "This isn't about getting your money, as much as it's about getting your heart!"

[Mark 12:41-44, NIV]

- 1) Christ sees _____ (public & private)
- 2) Christ understands our _____ (rich & poor)
- 3) Christ perceives every _____ (vanity or love, self or charity, ambition or zeal, hypocrisy or pleasing Him)
- 4) Christ realizes our _____ (pride or humility, showy or servant, in front or behind the scenes)



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"TRY IT" Commitment Card

I want to live in a way that honors God with my finances, so I'm committing to take the following steps of faith ...

- I will begin giving to God with greater intentionality by ...
[My "Try It" plan includes _____]
- I will begin reprioritizing my spending by trusting in God's plan.
- I will be testing God (Mal 3:10) and anticipating His faithfulness.
- I commit to this "Try It Challenge" thru Easter Sunday [4/4 - 11 wks] and will be excited to see God's faithfulness in return.
- I've seen God's blessings and will continue to give cheerfully as He directs and leads.

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side

Malachi 3:7-10, NIV

Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings." ⁹ You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe 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 blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Mark 12:41-44, NIV

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Tools to guide you toward a lifestyle of giving ...

- 1) Download a spending spreadsheet to help you see how much you spend in various categories ... [www.flushingcommunity.org + Sermon Downloads]. The sample is shown below (Microsoft Excel is required to download).
- 2) Visit www.balancedonline.org to discover some additional worksheets to help you. Look over the "Giving Sheet" document and consider what adjustments you will need to make this year to live for God in 2010.
- 3) Visit www.crown.org/tools for more interactive worksheets to help guide your spending and giving habits.
- 4) Visit www.daveramsey.com and click the "tools" menu. These interactive and downloadable tools can also help guide you to greater financial peace.

My biggest question about God and my finances remains ... _____
