

## Ways we use our money ...

- 1) Spend it ...
- 2) Re-pay it (debt) ....
- 3) Pay our taxes ...
- 4) Save it ....
- 5) Give it ....



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?'

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

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

"In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. 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.

Malachi 3:7-10 NIV

## The cause & affect ...

- 1) If you would honor God, He will honor you.
- 2) If you would move in His direction, He will move in yours.
- 3) If you will prioritize your kingdom, He will take care of you with His Kingdom.



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. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

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. They all gave out of their
wealth; but she, out of her
poverty, put in everything—all
she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44, NIV

- 1) Christ sees all things. (public & private)
- 2) Christ understands our situation. (rich & poor)
- 3) Christ perceives every motive. (vanity or love)
- 4) Christ realizes our judgment. (advancement or humility)



So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't



become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its



