

## **Adult and Youth Bible Study (Sunday School)**

### **Tithing: An Obedient Response to a Gracious God**

#### *Tithing*

**July 15, 2018**

~The Passage: Malachi 3:7-12~

**When did you first learn the joy of giving?**

**Malachi 3:7-10a (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept *them*.

Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

<sup>8</sup> "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?'

In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, *even* this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house,

**What have you been taught about tithing?**

**Why is obedience in the area of giving so challenging?**

**Malachi 3:10b-12 New King James Version (NKJV)**

And try 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 *such* blessing that *there will not be room enough to receive it*.

<sup>11</sup> "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,

Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts;

<sup>12</sup> "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.)

**Why is giving such an important discipline for spiritual growth?**

**What are the benefits of Christian giving in the life of the church?**