



#3 “THE SECOND RUNG ON THE LADDER”

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Sermon Notes

We start to climb out of financial stress by GAINING A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE ON MONEY

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16

The Second Rung on the Generosity Ladder is...

OBEDIENCE-LEVEL GIVING

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:21 NLT

I. Malachi 3:8-9

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

We climb the Generosity Ladder by GIVING TEN PERCENT OF OUR INCOME

“One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy. Leviticus 27:30 NLT

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. Mt 23:23

II. Malachi 3:10a

^{10a} Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

We climb the Generosity Ladder by GIVING TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

“And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.”

Acts 4:33b-35

III. Malachi 3:10b-12

^{10b} 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 there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. ¹² “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

We climb the Generosity Ladder by TRUSTING IN GOD’S

BLESSINGS AND PROTECTION

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Deut 8:1-5