

## Heart For The House - 3

*"For zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me."* Psalm 69:9 NIV

WHEN I HAVE A ZEAL FOR GOD'S HOUSE:

- THE REPROACHES OF THE HOUSE FALL ON ME
- THE **RESPONSIBILITIES** OF THE HOUSE FALL ON ME

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Matthew 6:21 NIV

*"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 there will not be room enough to store it. 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."*

Malachi 3:10-11 NIV

Some object that tithing is an Old Testament law and Jesus did away with it. But . . .

1. Jesus didn't do away with the law, He fulfilled it.

*"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."*  
Matthew 5:17 NKJV

2. Jesus, Himself, said we should tithe.

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."* Matthew 23:23 NKJV

3. Tithing was an act of worship that existed long before the law of Moses.

Genesis 14:20; Genesis 28:22

3 PROMISES GOD GIVES WHEN WE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOUSE:

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty,"* Malachi 3:10 NIV

1. HE INVITES US TO KNOW HIM IN A **GREATER WAY**.

*"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty,"* Malachi 3:10 NIV

*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."* Matthew 6:24 NIV

*"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your harvest; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."* Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

2. HE **OPENS UP HEAVEN** TO US.

*"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."* Malachi 3:10 NIV

3. HE **REBUKES THE DEVOURER** FOR US.

*"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,"* Malachi 3:11 NKJV

*"Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?'"*

Zechariah 3:1-2 NIV

## HOW TO GIVE WORSHIPFULLY:

*"But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* 2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV

### 1. GIVE **CHEERFULLY**

*"God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7 NKJV

### 2. GIVE **WILLINGLY**

*"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."* 2 Corinthians 8:12 NIV

### 3. GIVE **PURPOSELY**

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of [lf](#) necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7 NKJV

### 4. GIVE **EXPECTANTLY**

*"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."* 2 Corinthians 9:10 NIV