

I Will Give to the Cause of Christ

Malachi 3: 7-12

## I Want to Obey God's Word (vs 7)

- The tithe was before the Law (Gen 14:20; 28:22)
- The tithe was incorporated into the Law (Lev 17:30)
- The tithe was endorsed by Jesus (Matt 23:23)

#### I Want to Honor God

### God Owns everything

- · He created it (Col 1:16)
- He sustains it (Heb 1:3)
- · He redeemed it (1 Cor 6:20)

Refusing to obey God and give Him what is rightfully His dishonors His name.

# I Want to Provide for the Ministry of God's House

- The priority of the tithe "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse"
- The place of the tithe
- "so that there may be food in My house"

### I Want to Grow in My Faith

It teaches me to ...

- · Trust in the loving provision of God
- ". . .and test Me now in this,' says the Lord of Hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing until it overflows."

## I Want to Grow in My Faith (cont.)

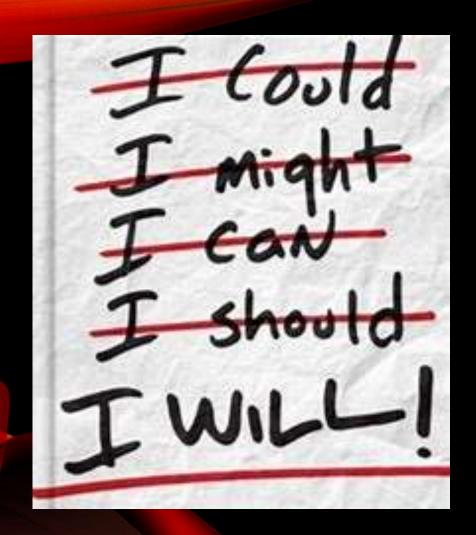
It teaches me to ...

Trust in the loving protection of God

"Then I will rebuke the devourer for you so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,' says the Lord of Hosts"

# I Want to Provide a Testimony of God's Faithfulness

"All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,' says the Lord of Hosts."



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