

Bible Study 2 – Renewing my giving – Malachi 2:17 – 3:12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

Some people want lots of money as a way to control their world and life. Such people usually don't spend much money and live very modestly. They keep it all safely saved and invested, so they can feel completely secure in the world. Others want money for access to social circles and to make themselves beautiful and attractive. These people do spend their money on themselves in lavish ways. Other people want money because it gives them so much power over others. In every case, money functions as an idol and yet, because of various deep idols, it results in very different patterns of behaviour.

The context	Malachi was probably the last prophet of the OT era. He followed the ministries of Haggai and Zechariah. He wrote to Jews living in Judah after the exile in Babylon. Although they had rebuilt the temple, their worship had degenerated into a lifeless formality and they no longer took the law seriously. And there were mixed marriages with pagans, unjust financial practices, withholding of tithes, and spiritual apathy. So, God promised to judge His people and to restore those who repent.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words - Malachi 2:17-3:12

Injustice & evil (Mal. 2:17 – 3:5)	
Robbing God (Mal. 3:6-12)	
Generous (2 Cor. 9:6)	
Cheerful (2 Cor. 9:7-8)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passages caught your attention?

6. What kind of blessings can we receive when we obey the biblical instructions for giving (2 Cor. 9:6, 8)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let's be generous in supporting God's work and not stingy.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

