

**Profit Sharing****June 17, 2012**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- What did you discover from working on your cash flow budget or debt snowball plan this week?
- What is your idea of a “blessed business”? How have you experienced the “curse” played out in your finances? What are some of Satan’s lies that keep us from being financially faithful and free?
- How is money a test from God? How does he use it to speak to us about our relationship with Him?
- If you’re not tithing, what’s holding you back? What can you do to overcome the fear of tithing? What steps of faith do you need to take?

**With your Bible or YouVersion.com, read Malachi 3:7-18**

- Have you ever stolen something? If so, how did it make you feel? In what ways do we rob God? What does our attitude towards our possessions reveal about our heart?
- How had Malachi’s peers robbed God? With what results? What was the purpose of the tithe in the Old Testament? Why does God challenge His people to put Him to the test?
- What is wrong with giving to God with a “what’s in this for me” attitude? What will the Lord reward in the end? Which does God reward, outward behavior or the obedience of faith?

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

- Why did Paul apply farming principles to giving? How are we to give? Why? What does it mean to give as you “purposed in your heart”?
- What does God promise to those who give generously? Why does God love a cheerful giver as opposed to one who grudgingly gives large sums? What do we need to believe about God in order to be a cheerful and generous giver?

**Read Luke 11:42 and 18:9-14**

- Who was Jesus addressing? What motivation did He say governed their tithing? What did He say was most important.
- What inner attitudes about giving do you need to change so that your motives are right? How can you keep your motivation in tithing pure and free from legalism?

**My Next Step Today Is To . . .**

- Give my life to Jesus.
- Take the 3 month Tithe Challenge.
- Ask God to guide me as I take steps to be more generous with the resources He has entrusted to me.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Leviticus 27:30

**Talk It Over with God:**

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Let God speak to you about your use of the resources He has entrusted to you.
- Pray that you would be faithful in your use of those resources.
- If you aren’t tithing ask God to help you take this step of obedience. If you are tithing ask God to help you find the joy that comes through generosity.