***When a society stops giving to God it won’t be long before they will stop giving to others***

***Series: The mighty message of Malachi***

***Text:*** *Malachi 3:8-12*

**Theme:** When we put God first in our giving, He will be first in every area of life. This simple truth is the heart of giving. We pay God first. Too many reverse this process. If there's anything left, they give some to God. This is what was happening in Malachi's day. They were giving God the leftovers and, as a result, robbing God.

1. **Something you have belongs to God and He is waiting to see what you will do with it.**

* Malachi 3:8
* Leviticus 27:30
* Luke 11:42
* Numbers 18:21
* Deuteronomy 14:22-23, 28-29

1. **If you do not give your tithe and gifts to God you will receive a self-inflicted curse.**

* Malachi 3:9
* Deuteronomy 8:18
* Malachi 2:2
* Malachi 3:11
* Haggai 1:5-6
* Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

1. **If you give correctly, ministry will take place and you will live in a land of delight.**

* Malachi 3:10-12