

□Anchor Points #12□

“Don’t Be a Cheater”

Ephesians 4:28-32

“Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! You ask, ‘when did we ever cheat You?’ You have cheated Me of the tithes and offerings due Me.” ~ Malachi 3: 8

Anchor Points #1-3 ~ “Our eternal foundation is the Triune God.”

Anchor Point #4 ~ “The Church is the Body of Christ.”

Anchor Point #5 ~ “Salvation comes only by God’s grace alone.”

Anchor Point #6 ~ “Jesus will return to earth for a second time.”

Anchor Point #7 ~ “The Church’s main mission is to spread the Gospel.”

Anchor Point #8 ~ “Loving God, loving neighbors is our crowning standard.”

Anchor Point #9 ~ “Live your life to please God.”

Anchor Point #10~ “We ALL serve God in ministry, AKA God’s Work”

Anchor Point #11~ “Know the Truth and defend it with love.”

Anchor Point #12~ “Use your RESOURCES for God’s purposes.”

Question: Why do we work hard for our MONEY?

- Money gets me the things I want.
- Money is my PROTECTION. Ec. 7:12 (NASB)
- Money enables me to help others. Eph. 4:28
- Money helps me serve MY MASTER. Matt. 6:24

THE PURPOSE OF TITHING:

I. Greed is a Mighty Opponent to God’s Lordship.

□Greed will turn you into a RATIONALIZER. (cheater)

□Greed will challenge God’s full OWNERSHIP.

Tithing corrects these tendencies.

II. Deep Generosity is God’s Way.

□The HISTORY of generosity.

□The COUNTER INTUITIVE truth of tithing.

□ Living the THANKFUL life.

God says, “Try it; TEST Me.” Malachi 3:10