



## HONOR AND MONEY

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Hosea 4:6 (NIV) "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge."

Isaiah 1:19 (NIV) "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land..."

Proverbs 3:9 (TLB) Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income...

#### My priorities show what I honor

Malachi 1:6-12 (NLT) 6 The LORD [Almighty] says: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name!" "But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?'" 7 "You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. "Then you ask, 'How have we defiled the sacrifices?'" "You defile them by saying the altar of the LORD deserves no respect. 8 When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the LORD [Almighty]. 9 "Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?" asks the LORD [Almighty]. 10 "How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD [Almighty], "and I will not accept your offerings. 11 But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations," says the LORD [Almighty]. 12 "But you dishonor my name with your actions..."

Genesis 4:2-7 (NIV) 2 Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 **In the course of time** Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. 6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

## It's A Heart Issue

## Not A Money Issue

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) "The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives."

Malachi 3:7 (NIV) "Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

Matthew 15:8 (NIV) "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Matthew 6:21 (NCV) "Your heart will be where your treasure is."

## Giving My Best

### Leads Me To God's Best

Malachi 3:6-12 (NLT) 6 "I am the LORD, and I do not change. 7 Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD [Almighty] "But you ask, 'How can we return?' 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD [Almighty], "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! 11 Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD [Almighty]. 12 "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD [Almighty].

Luke 11:42 (TLB) "But woe to you Pharisees! For though you are careful to tithe even the smallest part of your income, you completely forget about justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave these other things undone."

## Honor's Reward

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2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV) 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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