

Isaiah 58
My biggest hang-up

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of **money** is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for **money**, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. NIV

Malachi 3:9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

1. Yours or Mine

Malachi 1:2 I have loved you," says the LORD.
"But you ask, 'How have you loved us?' NCV

Malachi 1:6-8 A son honors his father, and a servant honors his master." I am a father, so why don't you honor me? I am a master, so why don't you respect me? You priests do not respect me. "But you ask, 'How have we shown you disrespect?'⁷ "You have shown it by bringing unclean food to my altar. "But you ask, 'What makes it unclean?' "It is unclean because you don't respect the altar of the LORD.⁸ When you bring blind animals as sacrifices, that is wrong. When you bring crippled and sick animals, that is wrong. Try giving them to your governor. Would he be pleased with you? He wouldn't accept you"... NCV

Malachi 1:12... You say about the Lord's altar, 'It is unclean, and the food has no worth.' NCV

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... NIV

Deuteronomy 14:23, The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. LV

2. Get to or Have to

2 Corinthians 9: 6,7 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. NIV

Isaiah 58:10-12 if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

¹² Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings

3. Fear or Faith

Malachi 3:9,10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. NIV

Luke 6:38: *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.*

