

# GENEROUS LIVING

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## I. Mal 3:8-12

### A. Two types of giving mentioned in the Bible

#### 1. Tithes/firstfruits

- a) Gen 28:22 22...and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."
- b) Ex 23:19 19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.
- c) Lev 27:30 30 And all the tithe of the land...is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.
- d) Deut 26:13 – I have removed the holy tithe from my house.
- e) Prov 3:9-10 9 Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase.

#### 2. Offerings - Over and above the tithe; out of our portion

## II. 2 Cor 9:1-11

### A. V2 - Choice to Give

1. On board and eager - Willing (Choice)
2. Passion to give - Excessive; intense feeling or conviction
3. Contagious - Transmissible by direct or indirect contact with an infected person
4. Stirred - To disturb a settled state or position
  - a) 2 Tim 1:6-7 6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

(1) "Fan into a flame and rekindle the fire of the spiritual gift God put in you". Passion  
Translation

### B. V4 - Prepared to Give

1. Prepare - To make ready before hand; Strategy, Plan
2. What is your giving "plan" - Failing to plan is planning to fail

### C. V5 - Motivated to Give

1. Generosity - Willing and Excessive
2. Under Pressure - Obligation, by force; wrong motives

### D. V6 - Quantity to Give

1. Stingy - restraint; done in a limited, sparing manner and of negligible quantity or extent
2. Generous spirit - Against the grain of our old nature but is part of our new nature.

