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.
a) Renew our mind to generosity - Transformed by
   b) Go from being a taker to a giver.

3. **Sows** - To plant a seed or set something in motion
   a) “From” a generous spirit

4. Quantity of Harvest is directly related to quantity of sowing

E. **V7 - Source of Giving**
   1. “Your” heart - Something you “want” to do not “have” to do.
   2. No regrets - What we could have done with it
   3. God loves hilarious generosity

F. **V8 - Result of Giving**
   1. Overwhelmed is usually a negative; Overwhelmed with every form of grace
   2. More than enough for everything - El’-Shaddai

G. **V10 - Multiply your Giving**
   1. God supplies seed to the sower
   2. Multiplies it “as you sow it”

H. **V11 - Enriched by Giving**
   1. **Enriched** - To make more fertile; to improve by adding nutrients and especially by restoring part of the nutrients lost in processing