

## **Balanced: Week 6**

Question: Can you be unbalanced financially and be a faithful follower of Jesus?

- **Proper Reference Point**
- **Overall Objective**
- **Constant Corrections**
  - Debt
  - Giving/Generosity
  - Spending

### **Five things that you can do with your money**

1. Spend money
2. Repay Debt
3. Taxes
4. Save Money
5. Give Money.

### **Our Priority System:**

Me (spend) → Me (debt) → Country (tax) → Me (save) → Give (God/others)

The way we prioritize our money represents an open door to God or a closed door to God

## **Malachi 3**

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<sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

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“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

<sup>8</sup> “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

<sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty

**It is not about money. It is about priority (Your Heart).**

<sup>10</sup> 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.

Question: will we throw open the door of our lives and make him a priority?

Matthew 6:24

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

<sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

<sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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### **God's Priority System:**

Give, Save, Live.

### **Two things:**

1. All of us are living on a percentage of our income.
2. You probably don't know what that percentage is.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

- Keep an eye on where the money is going
- make up your mind to honor God
- make course corrections.
- give, save, and just live on the rest.