

## MYTHBUSTERS

### *Money Is The Root Of All Evil* •• November 22, 2009

**ICEBREAKER:** *Take some time to get to know each other with some open sharing:*

- If you could start your own myth what would it be?
- What is the smallest tip you have ever left? Why?

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- Share about a time in the past year, when your financial situation limited your ability to give?
- Discuss a time when you were able to meet another person's financial need? Did that act of giving change you? If so, how?

### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

*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 you will not have room enough for it." **Malachi 3:10 (NIV)***

1. What types of blessings have you seen come from tithing? Why do you think God says to test Him in this? Have you tested Him in this? What have been the results?

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **Genesis 1:27 (NIV)***

2. In order to be truly Christ-like, we must be givers. Even though God created us in His own image to be givers, why is it often difficult for us to give?

*The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. **Psalms 24:1 (NLT)***

3. Giving is a reminder that we are to be good managers of what God has blessed us with. What happens when we start acting like "owners" instead of "managers"?

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)**

4. Have you ever given reluctantly or out of guilt? Why isn't God interested in this kind of giving? What is the connection between our hearts and our giving?
5. Has giving been a way of praising and worshiping God for you personally? Why or why not? If so, how has it brought you closer to God?

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

1. What will you do to shift your perspective from it being your money to God's?
2. How will you work to become a cheerful/hilarious giver?
3. Who is one person you could bless with your heart for giving?
4. Ultimately we need a growing relationship with God. How will you grow that relationship with him this week?

### **5. My very next step is to....**

#### **Suggestions for your time with God this week.**

**Day 1:** Read Deuteronomy 26:12 and Malachi 3:10-11. Pray and thank God for the opportunities to give back to Him.

**Day 2:** Read Genesis 1:27. Ask God for opportunities to give to others in need. Ask God to help you to become the giver He has called you to be.

**Day 3:** Read Psalm 24:1. Thank God for all He has given you. Commit to being a better manager of all He has given you in terms of family, health, finances and other blessings.

**Day 4:** Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Pray and ask God to give you the heart of a cheerful giver. Commit to God that your giving will be an act of worship. Praise Him during your time of prayer.

**FINAL THOUGHT:** Ask God to continue His work in your heart to make you look more and more like Him. Ask Him to guide your management of His resources so you can be the radical and extravagant giver He designed you to be.