



Because Normal
Isn't Working

Part Four:
WEIRD WAY TO
THINK ABOUT MONEY

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"A tithe of everything... from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD." Leviticus 27:30

tithe: a _____.

- **Average person gives about _____% of their income.**
- **Fewer than _____% of Christians tithe.**

TWO KINDS OF BUSINESSES

1) THE _____ BUSINESS.

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me. But you ask, 'How do we rob You?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing Me." Malachi 3:8-9

rob: *qaba` (kaw-bah')*; defraud, rob, spoil,
_____.

- **If I don't tithe, I'm _____ from God.**

"You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." Haggai 1:6

2) THE _____ BUSINESS.

"I will prevent pests from devouring your crops... says the LORD Almighty. Then all the nations will call you blessed..." Malachi 3:11-12

- **90% with God's _____ is far _____ than 100% without it.**

"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

Tithing & the "Pepsi Challenge"

A tithe is 10% of your income. This is a big commitment for anyone. So, try the three-month challenge: Tithe for three months. If God doesn't hold true to the promises in Malachi 3:10-11, we'll give it all back.

THE TITHE IS THE STARTING POINT!

"...You give a tenth of your spices-mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law-justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." Matthew 23:23-24

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

For Reflection

- 1) Have you ever stolen something? If so, how did it make you feel? (Remember, not tithing is stealing from God.)**
- 2) If you're not tithing, what's holding you back?**
- 3) What is your idea of a "blessed business?"**
- 4) If you are tithing, encourage others with stories of God's faithfulness.**