

MIND THE GAP



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THE TRUST GAP

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See Malachi 3:8-10

2. What does my GIVING reveal about my TRUST in God?

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I'm to give...

- THOUGHTFULLY
- VOLUNTARILY
- CHEERFULLY
- REGULARLY

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And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)

3. Does ALL of me really BELONG to God?

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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Connect:

Have you ever had someone cheat you out of something? How did you respond? How did it make you feel?

Engage:

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

Grow:

1. Jesus said, “Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be” (Matt. 6:21). How does this verse challenge you about where your heart truly rests?
2. The message compared trusting God with our hearts and souls versus trusting Him with our money. Why do you think it’s often harder to trust Him with our resources than with our eternity?
3. If cheerful, thoughtful, voluntary, and regular giving are God’s model for us, which of those areas do you personally find most challenging, and why?
4. The message emphasized that giving is really about trust and not about money itself. How does that perspective change the way you think about giving?
5. God says in Malachi 3:10, “Try me. Let me prove it to you.” What would it look like for you to take God at His word and trust Him in a new way?

Lead (Yourself)

What’s one practical step you could take this week to grow in trusting God with your resources—whether that’s generosity, budgeting differently, or simply praying about your finances?