

# Message Notes

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*The ABCs of Financial Freedom  
Choice  
(Haggai 1:1-12; Malachi 3:6-12)  
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◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ is: will we \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ with our money? (Ex 23:19)

## Putting God First

◆ The people had gotten their \_\_\_\_\_ out of order. (Hag 1:9)

Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" **Haggai 1:3-4**

◆ When God \_\_\_\_\_ them, the people make \_\_\_\_\_. (Hag 1:2)

◆ God's \_\_\_\_\_ for the people's financial \_\_\_\_\_. (Hag 1:6, 9-11)

◆ True \_\_\_\_\_ is putting the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. (Mt 6:33)

## The Tithe Principle

◆ A \_\_\_\_\_ is when we give God a \_\_\_\_\_ of our earnings. (Gen 14:20)

◆ Tithing is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ before God. (Mt 23:23)

◆ Tithing is an act of \_\_\_\_\_, prioritizing & \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt 6:24)

◆ Tithing is only the \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians! (Ac 4:34-35)

"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**

① The tithe \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. (Lev 27:30-33; Mal 3:8)

② We're to bring the \_\_\_\_\_ tithe. (Pr 3:9-10; Mal 3:10)

③ We're to \_\_\_\_\_ our tithe to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ne 10:38-39; Mk 12:41-44)

◆ An \_\_\_\_\_ is something we give \_\_\_\_\_ our tithe. (1 Cor 16:1-4)

◆ God \_\_\_\_\_ us to give at a level that \_\_\_\_\_ His generosity.

◆ If we want God to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives, we must put Him \_\_\_\_\_.

# Helpful Resources On Managing Money

## Recommended Seminar:

*Financial First Steps* at Cherry Hills on January 31<sup>st</sup>

*Note: To register, call the church office (546-4818) by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*There are a limited number of spots.*

## Recommended Books:

*The Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey

*Your Money Counts* by Howard Dayton

*Debt-Proof Living* by Mary Hunt

*The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn

*The Eternity Portfolio* by Alan Gotthardt

## Recommended Websites:

*Dave Ramsey* ([www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com))

*Crown Ministries* ([www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org))

*Debt-Proof Living* ([www.cheapskatemonthly.com](http://www.cheapskatemonthly.com))