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CHURCH BUILDING

"Building Fund - 1"

Selfless Giving - Malachi 3:7-18

"Church Building" – the church is not a building – or is it?

LEADERS – plan the **GROWTH** of the building.

DEACONS – maintain the **INTEGRITY** of the building.

SAINTS – contribute to the **SUPPORT** of the building.

BE CAREFUL! There is a **SNARE**.

2 Timothy 2:26

Exodus 23:33

1 Timothy 6:9

Common Wisdom = "That's MY money!"

God's Wisdom:

Acts 20:35

Romans 12:2

I. DON'T GIVE SO THAT YOU CAN GET! (vv.7-15)

A. Because that is what the **UNBELIEVING** world does.

James 3:14-15

B. Because that is what the **FALSE** teachers tell us.

Luke 6:38

Galatians 4:4

Hebrews 9:16-17

SO WHY GIVE?

Malachi 3:10 "... that there may be meat in mine house,"

Spiritually: "MEAT" = "strong doctrine / teaching"

(read: Hebrews 5:13-14)

Your giving prepares your **heart** so you can learn **deeper** things from God.

There are things that are more **VALUABLE** than earthly riches!

- Wisdom / Understanding
Proverbs 3:13-14
Proverbs 8:11
- God's Blessing
Proverbs 10:22
Proverbs 28:20
- Righteousness
Proverbs 11:4
Proverbs 28:6
- Humble Spirit
Proverbs 16:19
- Good Name
Proverbs 22:1

II. YOU **CAN'T** GIVE MORE THAN YOU GET BACK. (vv.16-18)

WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM GOD?

1. God's **ATTENTION** (v.16)
2. God's **MERCY** (v.17)
3. God's **MINDSET** (v.18)

Giving back to God plays an important role in that process.