

WHOLEHEARTED GIVING

Series: Grateful Hearts, Generous Hands

- Malachi 3:6-12 -

Two important giving guidelines:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are more important than \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our giving should demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

1. REFOCUS \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6)

2. REALIZE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 7-10a)

GIVING IN THE NT IS MARKED BY THREE THINGS:

\* It was \_\_\_\_\_

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3. RELINQUISH \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10b)

4. REJOICE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10c-12)

The blessings associated with giving are . . .

1. Not always \_\_\_\_\_

2. No always \_\_\_\_\_

3. Not \_\_\_\_\_

4. Not \_\_\_\_\_

Application Questions . . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?

2. What does it feel like to be in relationship with a God "who does not change."?

3. How had Malachi's peers robbed God? What was futile about their worshipping God with a "what's-in-this-for-me" attitude?

4. Why is wholeheartedness so important to God? Isn't a little faith better than no faith at all?

5. If Jesus returned today, what would He say about how you've used what He has entrusted to you?

6. What kind of mental habits do you think could easily block the truth in II Cor. 8:9 from staying alive in your mind and heart?

7. To become a more intentional steward, what would have to change: Your job, time priorities, spending habits, mission vision, other?