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Today I'd like to talk to you about giving. Malachi 3:10 says, *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in my house, and try me now in this says the Lord of host, if I will not open for you, the windows of heaven, and pour out for*

you such a blessing that there will be not room enough to receive it."

This passage is the one instance in the Bible, where the Lord permits us to test Him. When we are faithful with our money and our commitments, the Lord pours out those blessings.

Today I'd like to share a personal testimony with you about giving that I hope will grow your faith and encourage you to be a cheerful giver. About 25 years ago my husband and I bought our first home. We budgeted for our mortgage and for the first year things went very well. The second year however our mortgage increased by \$200 due to an oversight at the bank. Well, we hadn't budgeted for an extra \$200 so we weren't sure where that money was going to come from. But during that time, the company that my husband worked for had decided not to continue the services of a cleaning crew they were using, so my husband went to the owners of the company and explained our situation to them, and they graciously allowed us to clean the building for the next year giving us the extra \$200 we needed it plus a little bit more for our budget.

The Lord came through for us! Of course, He could have given us a check for the total amount we could've paid it all in one lump sum, but that's not how He decided to do it... but the blessing wasn't any different just because it didn't come the way we thought it would come.

The Lord is a good good father, who longs to take care of His people.

Today I encourage you to try Him. Give and see what He will do for you.

There are several ways you can get to the House... you can give in person which we would really love because that would mean that you would be here with us for service. You can access our online giving through our website. There's a button that says GIVE. I hope you found this video informative and encouraging. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.