

TASKS AND TALENTS

6Ts: DON'T SHORT-CHANGE GOD SERIES

“Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

But you ask, “How are we to return?”

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

But you ask, “how do we rob you?”

“In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – the whole nation of you – because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse ...”

(Malachi 3:7-10)

Malachi 3's emphasis is on the financial contributions we make to God. However, elsewhere in Malachi, he expresses a much broader view of not short-changing God (1:6-8, 14; 2:11-14; 3:5). This broader view is the much larger claim God makes on us as his followers. His claim on us could be defined at the **6Ts**.

TASKS TALENTS TIME TOUCHES TEMPLE TREASURES

When we withhold from God from any area of life stewardship, we are short-changing God.

TASKS (Adam and Eve, Genesis 1:28; Nation of Israel)

God CREATED us to share in his mission (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:11-14)

- EVANGELISM – seeking to BRING LOST people into RELATIONSHIP with God
- DISCIPLESHIP – seeking to TRANSFORM FOUND people into the CHARACTER of Christ

Jesus ASSUMED our engagement in his mission (Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8)

TALENTS (Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Romans 12:1, 6-8)

God EQUIPS us for ministry engagement (1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:12)

- Spiritual Gifts
- Skills
- Passions
- Personality Types

The Church DEPENDS on our ministry engagement (1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:12)