

TOUCH AND TIME

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)

TASK TALENT TOUCH TIME TEMPLE TREASURE

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

TOUCHES

God CREATED us for relationship (Genesis 2:18-25)

Our relationship provide BRIDGES to fulfill our mission (Matthew 22:37-40)

- An INCUBATOR for evangelism
- A LABORATORY for spiritual growth
- A TESTING CENTER for personal growth

TIME

God has granted EQUAL time to everyone

God placed a higher CLAIM on time than on treasure (Exo 20:8-10)

Our time should be allotted for multiple purposes

- Personal time WITH GOD (Luke 5:16; 10:38-42)
- Personal time FOR MINISTRY (2 Cor 5:11-6:2)
- Corporate time IN FELLOWSHIP (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Questions For Discussion:

1. Tell of a time that it was obvious to you that God placed you in a certain relationship to accomplish His purpose. How did you respond?
2. Identify one thing you could do right now within a particular relationship to fulfill God's purpose. How can the group pray for you to accomplish that task?
3. Is it easier for you to give money or your time? Why?
4. Look at how you distribute your time. Is 1/7th of your time dedicated to God? What fraction of your discretionary time is dedicated to God?