

Nehemiah
A Manuel for Serving The LORD
FIVE TIMELESS EXHORTATIONS
3. Robbing God - STEWARDSHIP
Nehemiah 13:10-14

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Introduction: In chapter 10 of Nehemiah the people had promised by a binding agreement to maintain the House of God and provide for the priesthood along with several other promises. In Nehemiah's absence from Jerusalem (anywhere from 7-12 years) God had raised up Malachi to speak against the people's unfaithfulness in the keeping of their covenant promises. In the area of the tithe Malachi asks the question - "*WILL A MAN ROB GOD?*" and then goes on to exhort them to bring their tithes into the storehouse (Malachi 3:8-10). However the people had lost their confidence in their spiritual leaders and got caught up in caring for their own concerns. As a result the House of God had been forsaken by the time Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem. Whenever the love of God's people for spiritual things grows cold there is a proportionate decline in their giving to the LORD and His work. The opposite is also true, as we have already seen in Nehemiah, that whenever God's people are revived there is a corresponding increase in giving. Giving acts as a good thermometer measuring a believer's and a church's spiritual temperature - It was in Nehemiah's day...it is in our day as well.

I. Nehemiah's Painful _____

A. Deterioration with God's _____

B. Negligence of God's _____

C. Forsaking of God's _____

II. Nehemiah's Corrective _____

A. The Leaders _____ - _____

B. The Tithes _____ - _____

C. The Treasurers _____ - _____

III. Nehemiah's Confident _____

A. The _____ **of His Prayer**

B. The _____ **of His Prayer**

1. It is _____

2. It is _____

3. It is _____

Conclusion: The grace of giving as seen in the New Testament: