

# The Prophetic Imagination

## Robbing God

### SERMON SUMMARY

The prophets thunder against greed, calling God's people to share their wealth with the poor as an act of true worship and justice. In a world of excess, they remind us that generosity isn't just giving—it's trusting God with open hands and a fearless heart.

### KEY VERSES

Malachi 3:8 - "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me."

### SERMON NOTES LINK

<https://bible.com/events/49407203>



### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Malachi 3:6-12. What strikes you about this passage?
2. Some have read passages like Malachi 3:6-12 as being about how to prosper. For example, if I give God some money, then he will bless me. How would you argue for or against this idea?
3. Malachi talks about robbing God. Have you ever felt like you were robbing God?
4. Jesus talks about money as a key discipleship issue. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What are the hardest parts of Jesus' teaching here for you to fully live out?
5. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21 We follow what captivates our heart. What helps you follow Jesus well when it comes to your money?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:10. Is it possible to have a lot of money while not loving money?
7. What's one area in your life where you struggle to let go of control over money or possessions?

### PRAYER EXERCISE

1. Have everyone close their eyes and hold their hands palms-up on their lap as a symbol of openness to God.
2. Have someone lead the prayer time with these prompts:
  - "Picture something you're holding onto tightly—money, a possession, a worry about the future. Name it silently to God."
  - "Imagine placing it into God's hands. Ask Him to take it and replace it with His peace."
  - "Think of someone in need you could help. Ask God for courage to give generously this week."
  - "Thank God for His provision—past, present, or promised—and rest in His care."
3. End with these words: "Lord, we open our hands and hearts to You. Free us from greed, fill us with trust, and guide us to give as You do. Amen."