

**OPEN-HANDED Living in a TIGHT-FISTED World**

***God's Giving Motivates our Giving***

Community Church - West Bend, WI

Genesis 1:28-30; 2:15-17; 3:21

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**God's Giving**

Creation – created for \_\_\_\_\_ - Genesis 1:1-31

Giving to man \_\_\_\_\_ over creation - Genesis 1: 26-30

Giving to man a \_\_\_\_\_ - Genesis 2:15-17

All things \_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_ no

***Sin enters the World – God's not done giving...***

God gave first \_\_\_\_\_ - Genesis 3:21

God gave the \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice - John 3:16-17

**God Given Practices for Giving**

**First things First – First fruits** – Exodus 23:15-16, 19

First (choice) – First fruit = first of \_\_\_\_\_/ children

\_\_\_\_\_ of worship issue

Act of \_\_\_\_\_

**Honoring God with a Tithe**

Tithe = 10<sup>th</sup> Nehemiah 10:35-37

Issue of \_\_\_\_\_ First – God's Giving (sacrifice) motivating our

Giving (\_\_\_\_\_

God's Call to Return – Malachi 3:6-10

\_\_\_\_\_ to me I will return to you

\_\_\_\_\_ – results in a curse

Testing – \_\_\_\_\_ place in Bible we are told to test God

That's so Old Testament – Matthew 23:23

The Tithe – issue of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Not a legalistic requirement of heaven but a reminder of \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFE Application:**

***Progression of Motivation***

Head

Heart

Heads

***3 Firsts***

Remember His \_\_\_\_\_

Give Him the first of Your \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Give Him the first of your T, T, T, T

*(I Corinthians 16:2)*

***Test (faith) – to examine, try, prove***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***God's Blessings***