

TEST ME, TRUST ME

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... see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

— 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

“Bring the entire tenth to the storerooms in my temple. Then there will be plenty of food. Test me this way,” says the LORD.

“Then you will see that I will throw open the windows of heaven. I will pour out so many blessings that you will not have enough room to store them.”

— Malachi 3:10 (NIRV)



EVERY NATION
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HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

The “Pay It Forward” philosophy involves doing a good deed to a new person instead of giving it back to the giver.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Name someone that has generously shared their time, energy, or resources with you. How would you describe their personality? Would you do the same for them?

LINK

 Connect to God’s truth by sharing...

- God gave us the grace of giving: this is generosity.
- Because of Him, we can be generous with our resources, time, and service to others.
- True generosity is voluntary and joyful. It is not forced or given unwillingly.
- We can give lavishly because we know that everything we have is not our own, but God’s.
- By God’s grace, we can also be generous to Him. How? When we are kind to the poor and helpless, we are generous to God. (Matthew 25:40)
- Another way we are generous with God is when we willingly give our tithe back to Him.
- Ultimately, we are made in the image of God—and He is the most generous! We can only be generous because He is generous.

PAUSE



Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- What are some ways you can be generous in your circle right now?
- Do you have hesitations about giving?
- How do you feel about tithing? God says that if you test Him in this, we can definitely trust Him to deliver on His promise to bless us abundantly.

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray to excel in the grace of giving, as God has blessed you. Ask God for ways you can bless those around you.
- Pray to see your resources with God's eyes. Ask for His wisdom on how to wisely manage the finances He has given you.

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

— 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)