

**1. Tithes and offerings**

- a) Malachi 3:8
- b) What is the key distinction between tithes and offerings?
- c) If offerings are a freewill gift of gratitude, how can it be considered robbery if we don't give any offerings?

**2. A generous and cheerful giver**

- a) What do the following texts reveal about the character of our Creator and Redeemer?
  - i) John 3:16
  - ii) Luke 11:13; Matthew 7:11
- b) 2 Corinthians 9:6–7, what important lessons can we learn about giving from Paul's teaching to Christians in Corinth?
- c) Why does God love a cheerful giver?
- d) How does God feel about grumpy givers and those who don't give at all?
- e) Is it acceptable to God if we give out of a sense of obligation rather than with a cheerful heart?
- f) What can we do to nurture a cheerful attitude when we give?

**3. Laying up treasure in heaven**

- a) Matthew 6:19–21
- b) What does it mean to lay up treasure in heaven?

- c) How does laying up treasure in heaven affect the way we live?
- d) Why did Jesus ask the rich young ruler to give away all his possessions (Luke 18:18–23) and not ask the same of the rich tax collector Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10)?
- e) How does a living relationship with Jesus affect the way we relate to earthly treasure? Hebrews 10:32–34
- f) Share a time when God impressed you to lay up treasure in heaven.

**4. Non-monetary offerings**

- a) Share the Gospel message, Acts 1:8
- b) Share our testimony, 1 Peter 2:9
- c) Share our hope in Jesus, 1 Peter 3:15
- d) Use our spiritual gifts, 1 Peter 4:10
- e) What are some of the non-monetary offerings God has impressed you to share with those around you?

**5. Discussion questions**

- a) What do our offerings and the way we give them reveal about our relationship with Jesus? Luke 7:37–47; Matthew 6:1–4 (see also Matthew 25:31–40)
- b) What important principles about giving do you find recorded in 2 Corinthians 8:13–14?

