

# ROBBING GOD

Malachi 3.6-12 // November 24, 2024

## GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

Money is a tricky topic. We don't want to talk about our money, because our money is one of our most prized possessions, and we don't want anything, or anyone, to threaten it. But if we want to be wholly submitted and trusting followers of Christ, we need to be honest with ourselves.

**There are three conversions necessary:  
Conversion of the heart, the mind, and the pocketbook.**

-Martin Luther

Thankfully for us, God does not change. He will never let us down, and we can always trust Him. The same cannot be said about our money, and this is why God challenges us to trust Him, rather than our riches.

Matthew 6.21 // Luke 18.25

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**How we spend (and hold onto) our money  
is an indicator of what we believe about God.**

If we were to reverse engineer the words of Christ, we could say, "wherever you *want* your heart to be...put your treasure there." If we desire to be followers of Christ, and we know that where our treasure is, our heart is right there with it, then it would make sense to put our treasure where we want our hearts to be.

Matthew 6.19-21

**God does not want 10% of your money,  
He wants 100% of your money,  
because He wants 100% of your heart.**

## IN GOD WE TRUST

It is ironic that our money says "In God We Trust." Yet it is also a good reminder for us. It should challenge us every time we spend money: do we trust in God, or mammon?

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**God opens your heart, you open your calendar.  
God opens your heart, you open your wallet.  
God opens your heart, you open your home.  
God opens your heart, you open your life.**

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Christmas Women's Gathering:** Our annual Christmas Women's gathering will be on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at Barb Erdos' house. More details on the flier at the Connect Table. Sign up for the potluck using the QR code below. Hope to see you there!



### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

**Psalm 106: 1-10**

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Romans 12:12**

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## CONNECT WITH LMC



Point your smart phone camera at the QR Code to access a virtual Connection Card

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read **Malachi 3.6-12**. What stands out in this verse and from Sunday's sermon?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It is a challenging thought to know that our spending reveals much about our love for God and others. What Gospel truths do you think most help you act generously, and how can those truths help you to grow in even more generosity?

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### Your Life Mission

A big part of our life mission on this earth is to spend and be spent for the sake of the Gospel in the lives of others. That includes the surrendering of our time, our forgiveness towards others, being inconvenienced, putting others first, and, of course, the stewarding of our finances and resources.

How would you like to grow in laying up your treasures in ways that serve the Kingdom? How would you like to be trusting God more with your finances?

What are specific ways that you can use your finances to bless others?

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## THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  
Help \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_,  
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises  
so that \_\_\_\_\_ may not sin against You.  
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



# LIFE MISSION

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## CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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## SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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