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Malachi 3:7-12 (NKJV) "Three Benefits of Tithing!"

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Introduction:

Someone says that tithing is only for the rich. But we have never heard of a rich man or woman commencing tithing. The Russell Sage Foundation several years ago published the results of a survey. In the United States, families with a net income of less than \$30,000 a year gave more than 60% of all the money donated to charity; families whose income was less than \$50,000 donated 82% of the total; families with an income between \$100,000 and \$200,000 a year gave only 1.9% of their income! It's not about income it's about faith; those with less seem to have more faith.

Yet, God says, and _____ now in this..."

Then He mentions 3 Benefits:

1. _____- "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."

2. ______- ¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"...

- 3. ______- ¹²And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land, " Says the Lord of hosts.
 - Basically it means that as a result of the blessings that come from obeying God through the tithe, we would become people admired for how we live and our lifestyle. Because of the benefits that come with tithing. This, as Paul implies in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, should motivate others to give as well.

There are several ______that will come to the Christian who tithes:

- (1) At the amount of ______ for the Lord's work,
- (2) At the _____ in paying the tithe,
- (3) At the ease in ______ with the nine-tenths,
- (4) At the ease in _____ percentage,
- (5) At the preparation this gives ______ over the nine-tenths remaining,
- (6) At ______ for not adopting the plan sooner!

Conclusion: