

**Series: Stewardship**

**Identifying & Surrendering God's Portion:**

**Text: (Rom 13:1-8)**

(Matt 22:16-21)

**God has always kept out a portion for Himself**

*“Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.”*

*God Owns Everything: Ex 19:5; Ps 24:1, Ps 50:10-12*

- I. **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil:** Gen 2:15-17
- II. **1st Born:** Ex 13:2; Num 3:13; 8:17
- III. **Tribe of Levi:** Num 18:20
- IV. **City and Spoil of Jericho:** Josh 6:17-19
- V. **His People:** Duet 32:9, 1Pet 2:9-10
- VI. **The Tithe:** Lev 27:30, Matt 23:23
  - a. **NT Practice:** 1 Cor 16:1-2
- VII. **God wants what's His and He wants it First!**
  - a. **Do Not Delay** – Ex 22:29
  - b. **1st of our day** – Prov 8:17
  - c. **1st of our week** – 1 Cor 16:2
  - d. **1st of our lives** – Ecc 9,10; 12:1
- VIII. **Taking possession of that which is God's is a Sin:**
  - a. **Josh 6:17-19; 7:1,11,18-20 He sees it as Stealing!**  
*Render therefore unto God the things that are God's.*
  - b. **We belong to God: 1 Cor 6:19-20**
    - i. **God doesn't like to share!** Ex 20:4-5 **God is a Jealous God.** *Illus: God failed Kindergarden*
- IX. **We Rob God of our Fellowship:** James 4:4
  - a. He isn't going to share us with the World. 2 Cor 11:2  
**168 Hours in a week, 16h & 40min**
  - b. *Illus: Would your marriage survive on the number of hours you spend with the Lord?*
- X. **We Rob God of Joy, when we Rob God of our fellowship:**  
*Illus: Military men who are on long deployments, would*

*miss the Birth, Cutting the Cord, 1st Feeding, 1st diaper (Sweeter than the last!), 1st smile, 1st Giggle, 1st Word, 1st Crawl, 1st Step*

**XI. We Rob God of Joy when we refuse to Grow.**

a. Eph 4:14-15

**XII. We Rob God in Tithes and Offerings:** Mal 3:8

a. **Explain Increase Tithing!** 2 Cor 9:7

b. There is reason God has given to you-1 Tim 6:17-19

c. Heb 13:16 God is well pleased when we give offerings

**When we don't Obey we...**

d. **We Rob Him of His Glory:** 1Chron 16:28-29,

e. **We Rob Him of His Worship:** Ps 29:2 **Obedience is the Greatest Form of Worship!**

f. **We Rob Him of His Honour:** Prov 3:9-10

g. **We Rob Him of the His Service:** Mal 3:8-10

i. **Tithes are for the Priests:** Gal 6:6

ii. **Offerings went for the House of God:**

iii. **Missions for Missionaries:** Mal 3:11-12

h. If you like having a building to keep us out of the weather, thank a tither.

i. If you like Heat in the winter, thank a tither,

j. If you like cold air in the Summer thank a tither.

k. You like having coffee and donuts, thank a tither.

l. **Your are Robbing yourself of a blessing:** Mal 3:10,  
God Says Prove Him, Try Him, see if He is lying.

i. 2Cor 9:6-8; Gal 6:7-9 *Sowing and Reaping*

m. **I can't Afford to Tithe, You can't afford Not to:**

i. Mal 3:11-12

**XIII. We are all He ever Needed:** Rom 14:7-8; 1 Pet 2:9-10

a. **He wants to be all we ever need:** Ps 16:5; 73:26;  
119:57; 142:5