

**Series: Courageous Living 2**

**Title: God's Portion**

**Text: (Matt 22:16-21)**

**What Belongs to God?**

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

**God keeps a portion for Himself:**

**I. Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil:** Gen 2:15-17

**II. Nation of Israel: 1<sup>st</sup> Born:** Ex 13:2; Num 3:13; 8:17

**III. 12 Tribes: Tribe of Levi:** Num 18:20

**IV. Promised Land: City & 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 Referenced:** 1 Cor 16:1-2

**VII. God wants what's His and He wants it First!**

a. **Do Not Delay** – Ex 22:29

b. **1<sup>st</sup> of our day** – Prov 8:17

c. **1<sup>st</sup> of our week** – 1 Cor 16:2

d. **1<sup>st</sup> of our lives** – Ecc 9,10; 12:1

**VIII. Taking possession of that which is God's is Robbery:**

a. **He sees it as Stealing!** Gen 3:15; Josh 6:17-19; 7:1,11,18-20

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

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**

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

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

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

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

**XVI. 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

**XVII. We Rob yourself of a blessing:** Mal 3:10, God Says Prove Him, Try Him, see of He is lying.

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

**I can't Afford to Tithe, You can't afford Not to:** Mal 3:11-12

**XVIII. We are all He ever Wanted:** Rom 14:7-8; 2 Cor 5:15; 1 Pet 2:9-10; (Ex 19:5) Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me

a. **God doesn't was your stuff, He wants you:** (Deut 32:9)

b. **Explain what a "Portion" is:** a "portion" is a "part" about whose destiny something is implied.

c. **B/c We are all God ever wanted, He wants to be all we ever Need:** Ps 16:5; 73:26; 119:57; 142:5

God is Our Portion:

God is the only thing we get out of this existence that is eternal.