



**MALACHI**  
“Sincere Heart”  
August 29, 2010  
Malachi 3:7-12 (ESV)  
**LG Study**

### QUICK REVIEW

God is after the sincerity of my heart for him.

### MY STORY

1. When was the last time you experienced a significant “returning to God” moment? What changes or adjustments did it call for? What was the final outcome of it?
2. What are some of the telltale signs that indicate to you that a person is being sincere with you? In other words, how do you judge the other person’s sincerity?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Review the connection between tithing and the sincerity of our heart towards God (see Malachi 3:7-12; Psalm 24:1; Leviticus 27:30, 32; Matthew 23:23; Proverbs 3:9-10). How is not tithing robbing God? What does not tithing reveal about our hearts towards God? Is tithing a financial matter to God? Explain.

2. How did the Israelites pretend to be sincere towards God (v. 10)? How did Jesus respond to false pretenses in Mark 11:12-14. Also, read Matthew 23:25-28. Why does hypocrisy grieve Jesus so much more than other sins? How are all of these tied to the sincerity of heart which God seeks?

3. How does God respond to a sincere heart (vv. 10-12)? What are the various ways that God blesses? Share your experiences.

### TAKING IT HOME

1. As we learned this week, what God is after is not the stuff we can bring, but our heart that is sincere towards Him. So, spend some time this week honestly reflecting on the condition and posture of your heart towards God. How is the sincerity of your heart or lack of it reflected in your daily life and the way you serve God? What changes would you like to make this week with the help of God’s grace and power?
2. Prayer & Sharing Devotional:  
Please spend the remaining time in sharing your Life Journal (devotional) and praying for one another.



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