Malachi 3:11 "I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty."

Malachi 3:12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty."

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## Building a lifestyle of generosity

Proverbs 11:24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

#### God's promises to the generous

Proverbs 11:25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Pro. 28:27 He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

### The heart of a generous person

2 Corinthians 8:2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

2 Cor. 8: 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability....

2 Cor. 8: 4 Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

2 Cor. 8: 5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

### The challenge and promises to become generous!

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

#### Test God!!!

Malachi 3:7 "Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?"'

Malachi 3:8 ... "In tithes and offerings."

Malachi 3:9 "You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me."

Malachi 3:10" Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. <u>Test me in this</u>," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."