

GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM

FEBRUARY



As a student missionary on the island of Pohnpei, I was forced to face my need for a budget.

Thankfully, my housing was free, but my monthly stipend of \$80 was very tight. I remember how sad I was to see boxes of cereal selling for \$7.00. I loved cold cereal but I realized that oatmeal and I would have to become friends. I could not afford to purchase a box of cereal.

It was not just my budget I had to address, I also had to consider God's plan. God does not have limited resources like I did, but He asks me to manage His resources, the ones that He has loaned to me, and that meant supporting my local church. Still, I seriously wrestled with this decision. Surely God did not expect me to starve, did He? Finally, I decided to take Malachi's challenge and test God to see how He would bless.

As the year progressed, I had fun seeing how far my stipend would stretch. Of course, Mom's

love packages always helped. I was able to really stretch my budget with the help of her packages as well as shopping at the local fruit stand. In the end, I was surprised that I was actually able to save enough each month to visit some other islands.

But, the biggest shocker took place at the end of the year. As I was packing for home, the school treasurer called me to her office and

said, "The donor who sponsored you wanted you to have this." As I walked away, I was stunned to see that she had handed me the exact amount I had given in tithe and offerings that entire year! The message of Malachi 3:10 had come true once again. When I remembered God's tithe, He blessed my budget and me. When I remained faithful to Him, he was faithful to me. **IT IS ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM!**

—Pastor David
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“For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

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