



GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM
OCTOBER

At age 84, God continues to care for me. Each month He has helped me, especially with my financial needs. When I was a lot younger, I kept accurate records of every transaction. My ledger showed where every penny went. Each bill and each receipt, as well as every donation given, were faithfully paid and recorded.

I continue to return a faithful tithe and give a thank offering, as well as support for numerous ministries. I fully believe in Malachi 3:8 and 10 which states, “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herein, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it.”

Now, in retirement, my record keeping is not as precise as it once was. I know how to keep a budget, but I do not keep a balance in my check book. The Lord has been my Divine Bookkeeper. Sometimes I think my income for the month will not satisfy my expenses, but the Lord has shown me He has this under control. I don’t worry about it. I don’t know for sure what monies I

have to cover everything, but God has faithfully watched over me in this area. At the end of the month when my bills are due, everything is paid for in cash, I am never in debt and all my bills are paid on time. I also return a little extra tithe just to be sure to return to God all that is His, and to ensure there is no oversight on my part.

It’s important to return a faithful tithe and give a thank offering. There is no other way to prove God—as it says in Malachi—to be faithful in this area of giving. If you think you cannot afford to return an honest tithe to God, give Him a chance and see how He will work in your life as He has done in mine.

The Lord and I are in partnership together. He is the Master over my finances and I am the vessel He uses to help in His cause. One day I will thank God in person for His faithfulness to me, but until then, **IT IS ALL OF ME IN REPSONSE TO ALL OF HIM.**

That is the way I want, and choose, to live.

— *Barbara G. Bryant, retired RN,
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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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