

# 24-1208a - Detailed Summary

## 24-1208a - *The Ultimate Gift Giver, Tom Freed*

**Bible Readers:** Not recorded and Roger Raines

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## The Ultimate Gift Giver

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 33:01)

### Scripture Readings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (x:xx - x:xx)

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (0:04 - 1:14), Roger Raines

**Malachi 3:8-12,**

- The speaker reads from Malachi 3, focusing on the verse about robbing God through tithes and offerings.
- The passage highlights God's accusation of the people for not giving tithes, leading to a curse on the nation.
- The scripture continues with God promising to open the windows of heaven for blessings and to rebuke the devourers, ensuring the crops are protected.
- Ends with a promise that nations will call those who give blessed, living in a delightful land, as stated by the Lord of hosts.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Tom Freed

### (1:19 - 1:32) Introduction to the Sermon

- The speaker greets the audience, mentioning that the sermon has a Christmas theme but not tied to a song title.

### (1:33 - 1:53) Recollection of Childhood Christmas

- Shares personal memories of the anticipation and joy of Christmas morning as a child, emphasizing the excitement of receiving gifts.

## **(1:54 - 2:24) Joy of Receiving More Than Expected**

- Discusses the feeling of getting more gifts than anticipated, particularly relating to a personal experience with video games.

## **(2:25 - 2:49) God's Abundance in Giving**

- Highlights God's nature of giving in abundance, referencing Ephesians 3:20 about God doing more than one could ask or imagine.

## **(2:51 - 3:12) Examples of God's Abundance**

- Provides examples where God has given more than asked for in personal life, like housing and car purchases, but notes it's not just about material wealth.

## **(3:12 - 3:47) The Balance of Giving and Receiving**

- Discusses the concept that to receive from God, one must also give, implying a reciprocal relationship in faith.

## **(3:47 - 4:26) Duty to Give Back**

- Emphasizes that God requires action from believers, not just asking for blessings, quoting Matthew 5:45 about God's impartiality in giving.

## **(4:28 - 5:18) Encouragement to Give Generously**

- Challenges the congregation to unlock God's potential for blessing by giving freely, countering the notion that giving leads to poverty.

## **(5:18 - 5:53) Biblical Support for Generosity**

- Cites Proverbs 11:24-25 to support the idea that generosity leads to prosperity while withholding leads to poverty.

## **(5:55 - 7:00) Practical and Spiritual Considerations of Giving**

- Discusses financial stewardship and giving even when resources are scarce, using the example of the widow's mite from Mark 12:43-44.

## **(7:01 - 8:23) God's Provision for Those Who Give**

- Further explores the widow's example, emphasizing giving from one's poverty, and quotes Psalm 37:25 about God not forsaking the righteous.

## **(8:25 - 9:48) Hidden Blessings**

- Describes how God's blessings might not be immediately or overtly financial but can manifest in various beneficial ways over time.

## **(9:50 - 10:56) Misconceptions About Giving and Receiving**

- Clarifies that God's blessings aren't a direct financial return but come in diverse forms, challenging simplistic views of divine economics.

## **(10:57 - 11:57) Spiritual Perspective on Giving**

- Emphasizes that giving should be from a mindset of stewardship, acknowledging that all resources come from God, referencing Psalms and Isaiah.

## **(11:58 - 13:58) God's Ownership and Our Gratitude**

- Discusses God's ownership over everything and how giving back is an acknowledgment of this, leading to personal and national blessings.

## **(14:00 - 15:10) Summary and Application of Malachi**

- Recapitulates the scripture from Malachi, urging listeners to give to avoid robbing God, with promises of blessings for obedience.

## **(15:12 - 15:45) National Giving and Blessings**

- Concludes with the idea that nations are blessed or cursed based on their giving practices, noting the U.S. as a leading nation in charitable giving.

## **(15:49 - 15:57) Biblical Directives on Giving**

- Discusses the New Testament instruction to set aside a portion of one's income for giving, specifically mentioning 1 Corinthians 16:2.

## **(15:58 - 16:19) Joy in Giving**

- Cites 2 Corinthians 9:7, emphasizing that giving should be done cheerfully, not out of obligation or reluctance.

## **(16:21 - 16:52) Attitude Towards Giving**

- Notes that giving can be painful for many, urging for a more positive attitude towards offering.

## **(16:52 - 17:21) Preparation and Honesty in Giving**

- Stresses the importance of preparing and setting aside what one has decided to give, warning against holding back what is promised to God.

## **(17:22 - 18:52) Consequences of Deception in Giving**

- References the story of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) as a cautionary tale about the dangers and consequences of deceit in giving to God.

## **(18:54 - 19:49) Measure of Giving and Receiving**

- Describes how God gives back generously, using the imagery from Luke 6:38 of blessing that overflows.

## **(19:51 - 20:58) God's Gifts - Material and Spiritual**

- Explains that God's gifts are not just material but also spiritual, citing James 1:17 and Romans 12:6-8 on the variety of gifts given by grace.

## **(20:54 - 21:54) Spiritual Gifts and Relationships**

- Highlights spiritual gifts like prophecy, ministry, teaching, and the importance of giving with cheerfulness, also mentioning the blessing of a good spouse.

## **(21:55 - 22:59) Blessings of Family**

- Discusses the blessing of children and grandchildren as gifts from God, referencing Psalms 127:3-5.

## **(23:00 - 24:26) God's Support and Strength**

- Assures listeners of God's presence and support in life's journey, quoting Isaiah 41:10 and Romans 8:28 for comfort and assurance.

## **(24:30 - 25:55) The Ultimate Gift - Jesus Christ**

- Emphasizes that the greatest gift from God is His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for sinners as an act of ultimate love, based on Romans 5:8.

## **(25:56 - 26:58) Eternal Implications of Christ's Sacrifice**

- Continues to explore the significance of Christ's sacrifice, linking it to salvation and eternal life, contrasting it with human unwillingness to sacrifice.

## **(26:40 - 27:53) Biblical Signs and Greater Gift Giver**

- Relates Jesus to Jonah and Solomon, indicating Jesus as greater, introduces a humorous comparison to Santa.

## **(27:55 - 28:54) Gratitude for God's Gifts**

- Encourages gratitude for all God's gifts, both seen and unseen, drawing a parallel to modern conveniences like Amazon deliveries.

## **(28:55 - 29:52) Salvation as the Ultimate Gift**

- Describes salvation through Jesus as the greatest incomprehensible gift, urging acceptance and obedience to biblical commands for salvation.

## **(29:52 - 31:18) Foolishness in Worldly Riches**

- Warns against focusing solely on material wealth, citing Luke 12 and the folly of denying God's existence, emphasizing the inevitability of divine judgment.

## **(31:21 - 33:01) Urgency of Salvation**

- Concludes with a call to action for salvation, emphasizing the limited time to accept God's gift, referencing 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 6:2 for urgency and eternal consequences.