INTRODUCTION
1. Malachi asked the question of Israel.
2. He pointed out that they had robbed God.
3. Man has an aversion of being robbed -- What do you think God thinks when we rob Him?
4. What does the word "ROB" mean?
   (1) To take something by force
   (2) To deprive or withhold from
   (3) To hinder; to keep back
   (4) To defraud
5. There are many ways we can rob God.
6. The real acid test of the genuineness of our conversion to Christ is the way we support the church of the Lord without TIME, EFFORT, INFLUENCE and MONEY.
7. Let us study some ways we can rob God.

I. IT IS ROBBERY TO WITHHOLD OUR HEARTS FROM GOD
   1. Prov. 23:26 -- "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eye observe my ways."
   2. To give our hearts to God we must give Him all our heart -- Matt. 22:37
   3. We must obey Him from the heart -- Rom. 6:17
      (1) He will not accept external service -- Matt. 15:9
   4. The meditation of our heart must be acceptable to Him -- Psa. 19:14
      (1) Rom. 8:6
      (2) Phil. 4:8
      (3) Matt. 5:8
   5. The PURPOSE of our heart must be right -- 2 Cor. 9:7
   6. Matt. 6:21

II. WE ROB GOD BY WITHHOLDING OURSELVES
   1. We are to give ourselves to the Lord -- 2 Cor. 8:5
   2. We are the Lord's by the right of purchase -- I Cor. 6:20; I Pet. 1:18 - 19
   3. The Christian is to give his body in a life of service to God -- Rom. 12:1
   4. I must use my talent -- Matt. 25:14 - 30

III. WE ROB GOD BY WITHHOLDING GLORY, PRAISE, AND WORSHIP FROM GOD
   1. The Gentiles did not glorify Him -- Rom. 1:21
   2. He wants us to glorify Him in the church -- Eph. 3:21
   3. We glorify Him in the name "Christian" -- I Pet. 4:16
   4. We glorify Him by good works -- Matt. 5:16
   5. He seeks our worship -- John 4:23 - 24
IV. WE ROB GOD BY WITHHOLDING OUR MONEY

1. Israel in the days of Malachi -- Mal. 3:8 - 10

2. What we have really belongs to God:
   (1) I Cor. 10:26
   (2) Psa. 24:1
   (3) Psa. 50:10 - 12

3. We are stewards -- I Pet. 4:10; I Cor. 4:2
   (1) We must be faithful stewards -- I Cor. 4:2
   (2) Luke 16:9 - 12

4. We are to give as we have been prospered -- I Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:12

5. We are to give regularly -- on the first day of the week -- I Cor. 16:1 - 2

6. I am to give liberally -- "The contributor must be liberal" -- Moffatt -- Rom. 12:8
   (1) 2 Cor. 9:6
   (2) Luke 6:38

7. We are to give with cheerfulness -- 2 Cor. 9:7

8. We are to purpose our giving -- 2 Cor. 9:7

9. It is more blessed to give than to receive -- Acts 20:35

10. If we give as God has directed we will be able to abound to every good work -- 2 Cor. 9:8 - 10

11. We are sending our treasures on before -- Matt. 6:19; I Tim. 6:17 - 19

CONCLUSION