

# “The Core”

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- What:** God tells us to bring our firstfruits into the storehouse and that building up wealth is meaningless (Ecclesiastes). Here’s someone who just doesn’t seem to get how to give. *Themes: tithing, giving, selfishness, materialism, greed*
- Who:** One actor
- When:** Present day
- Wear (props):** red apple- for best visibility, choose an apple color that will stand out in your setting.  
offering plate
- Why:** Malachi 3:10, Ecclesiastes
- How:** This drama can be used to help lighten the cynicism and set up a sermon on tithing which, among other things, directly addresses giving our “firstfruits” to the Lord.
- Audience:** High School or Adult Worship
- Time:** Approximately 2-3 minutes

*A shiny red apple sits on the pulpit.*

Actor: *(Taking apple)* Thanks God. It's very generous of you. Thank you. You have blessed me exceedingly and abundantly above all that I have asked and I'm incredibly grateful for that.

*(bite)* I mean, I thank you for everything! Like...my home. I love my home. It's very cozy with all those stainless steel appliances.

*(bite)* Oh! And my new plasma HD TV. Very nice.

*(bite)* And my car. Cars, actually. I always wanted a Jag.

*(bite)* Alright...and my job. I guess. No no no no. Thank you. I'm thankful for my job. I appreciate my job. *(muttering to self)* I appreciate my job. I appreciate my job.

*(bite)* And money of course. I have enough money to pay all the bills. Y'know, the mortgage bills *(bite)* the cable bills *(bite)* the gym membership bills *(bite)* the whatever bills...

*(bite)* Oh, and that trip to Europe. That was cool. Thanks.

*(bite)* And my new treadmill...and consequently my new feather duster...hahaha

*(As the previous line ends, the actor needs to draw attention to the offering plate that has been sitting empty on stage. Bump into it or casually lean into it and then react to the discovery. It's a moment of conviction as the actor studies the plate for a moment and then turns the attention back to the apple core.)*

Oh...um...well, I guess I should give something back.

*(lifting up the apple core)*

Actor: Here. *(placing the core in the offering plate)* You can have what's left.