
Messy Church Series

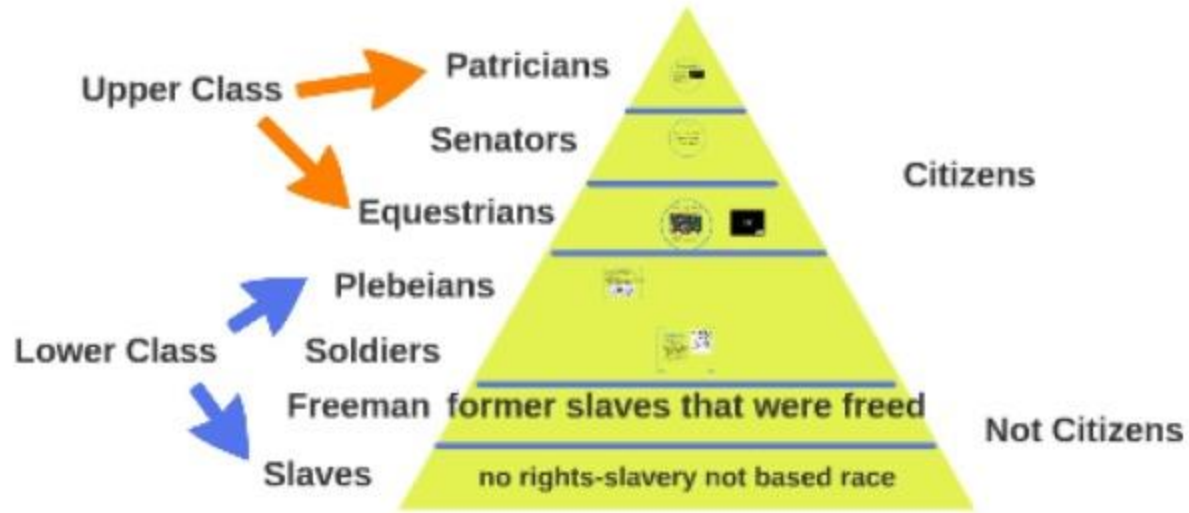
Right Of Refusal

1 Corinthians 9:1-18



Objective: To understand the Social Classes of the Roman Empire

The Roman Empire-Social Structure



FORMS OF SUPPORT FOR SOPHISTS

RESPECTABLE

1. PATRONAGE

2. FEES

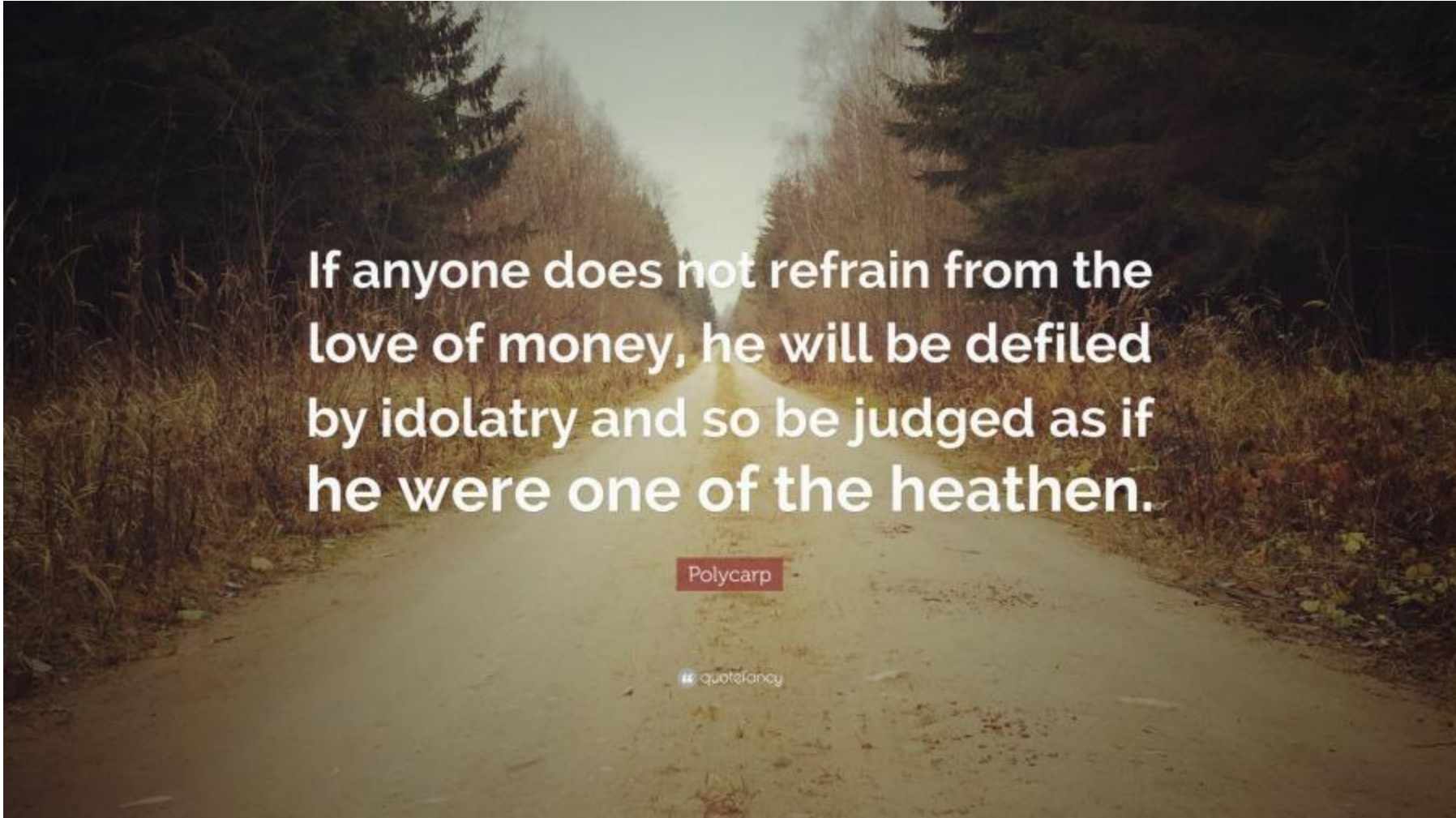
SHAMEFUL

1. BEGGING

2. WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS

THE UNIVERSAL IDOL





If anyone does not refrain from the love of money, he will be defiled by idolatry and so be judged as if he were one of the heathen.

Polycarp

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Show me where a man spends
his time & money, and I'll show
you his god.

~ Martin Luther

AZ QUOTES

I'm not a universalist, and the way I talk about final loss is this: People worship idols - money, whatever.

Their humanness gets reshaped around the idol - you become like what you worship. That's one of the basic spiritual laws.

NT Wright

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THE MOST DIFFICULT CONVERSION


Martin Luther



There are three conversions necessary (for the Christian life): the conversion of the heart, the mind, and the purse.

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**WHAT ABOUT THE
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TITHING ISN'T REALLY GIVING—IT'S RETURNING.

—Robert Morris

GENEROUS GOD

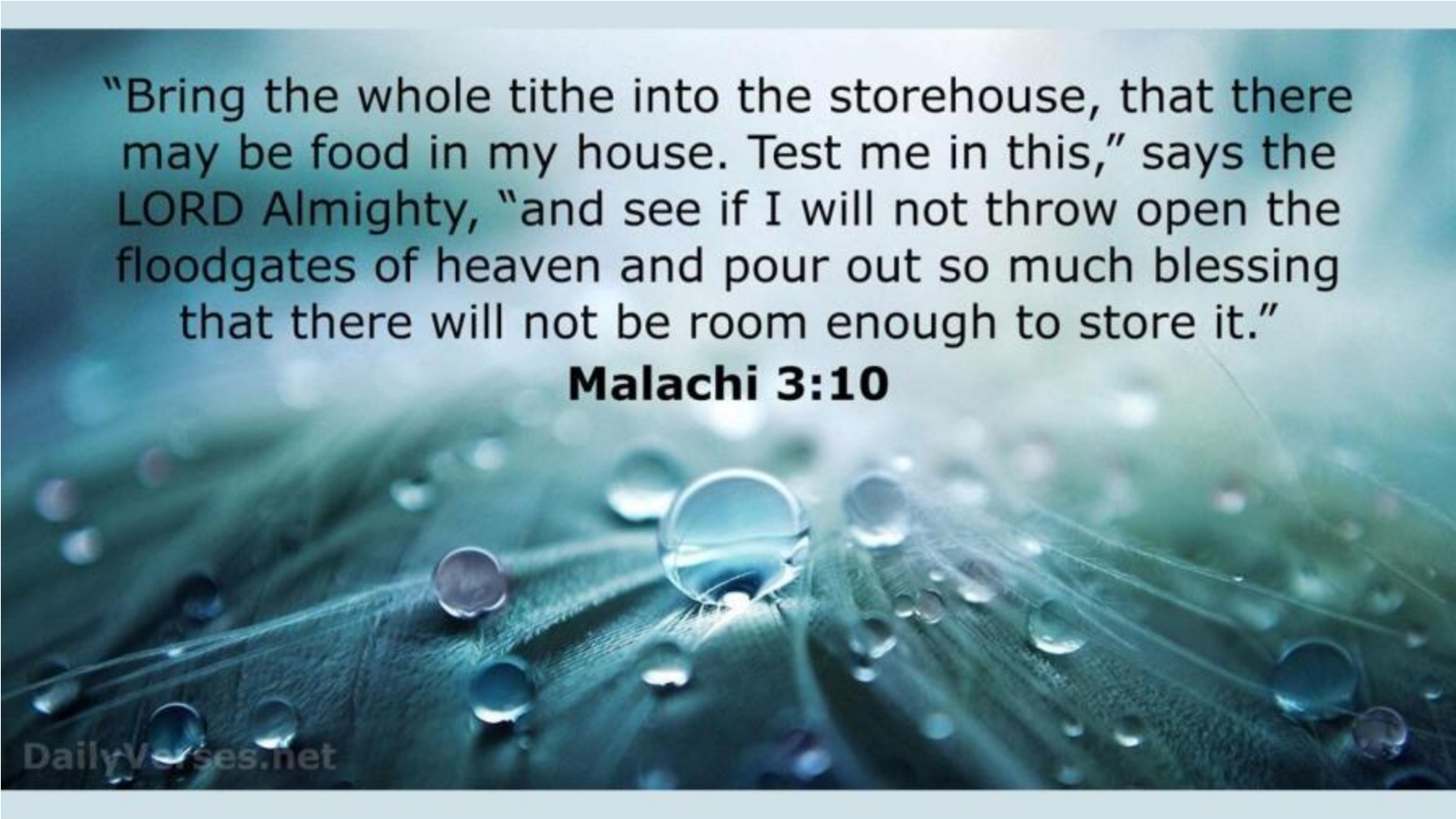


The heart that is generous and
kind most resembles God.

~ Robert Burns

2 Cor 9:6-8

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** So let each one give as he decided in his heart, not from sorrow or out of duty; for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound for every good work.



“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10