



A Piece of the Pie

A Tithing Party

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Characters: 5+ = For a team of all female actors, Jesus is simply, the Church. One Person and Four Guests minimum: Jesus/Church; “Needs” = Rent, Groceries, Clothes; “Luxuries” = Car, Cell phone, Entertainment = use as many kinds as available actors. Use all three Needs, but Luxuries can be additions.

Setting: Home, preparing to pay the bills/have a celebration.

Props: Paper plates with names written on the bottom, a pie server, a stool on which to “serve” the pie.

Scripture: Malachi 3:10. “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...”

Opening: All face front in a half-circle. Person in the center and stool in front of Person.

P: I just got paid! Come get your piece of the pie! *[Everyone gathers around. Name each “guest” and “serve” an invisible piece of pie until there is none left for the church.]* All gone. There’s only crumbs left. I’m sorry, I should have counted how many pieces I’d need.

[Jesus smiles warmly]

P: Let me start over. *[All “put” pieces back and return to the half circle]* I am not sure that it will work, *[decides to trust Jesus and starts again]* but let’s bless this first. *[Bows head]*

[Jesus prays to the Father and blesses Person for their obedience. Guests pout in various ways showing their disapproval and disappointment]

P: Amen! *[Person calls out guests starting with Jesus and “serves” them a bit apprehensively]* Wow, *[surprised]* it’s just enough... with a small amount left over for “Savings”... *[sheepishly]* whom I didn’t invite out of fear. I should have trusted You, Lord. *[All, but Jesus, freeze with mouths open ready to eat their first bite]*

Jesus: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10.”

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Pray hard over all participants & have fun watching God move in great and magnificent ways.

Perform the skit for free: freely you have received, freely give.

Try to have some biblical literature to distribute and have someone available to lead people to the altar in a sinner’s prayer.

