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The Generous Life

Honoring God with My Resources

*“Since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you see that you also **excel in this grace of giving.**” 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)*

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17 (NIV)

How do I honor God with what I Have?

1. Develop a **GRATEFUL HEART.**

*“Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I **never forget** the good things He does for me.” Psalm 103:2 (NLT)*

“...God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT)

2. Determine your **PRIORITIES.**

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the **best part** of everything you produce. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)*

3. Choose to be **GENEROUS.**

*“On the first day of the week, you should each **put aside** a portion of the money you have earned...”
1 Corinthians 16:2 (NLT)*

*“Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated Me! ‘But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat You?’ ‘You have cheated Me of the tithes and offerings due to Me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating Me. **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse** so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,’ says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, ‘I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!’” Malachi 3:8-10 (NLT)*

*“The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always **put God first** in your lives.” Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)*