HONOR THE LORD

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Prov 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Notice that this passage say to "honor the Lord" and not just "give to the Lord."

We know that we are to give but our giving is about so much more. When we give to God, we are honoring God. We are giving thanks to God. We are worshiping God. We are acknowledging His goodness and faithfulness to us.

Because we are honoring the Lord and not just giving to Him, we bring our First Fruits. We don't bring leftovers. We don't give God baloney while we've been eating filet-mignon. We don't tip God with a token gift. Neither do we begrudgingly give out of obligation. No, we honor God with our giving. We give to Him because He is first in our lives. First! Not second, not third, not somewhere else down the line. Not after all the bills are paid. No, God is first. We give to Him before we give to anyone else.

When we honor God this way, God gives us a promise. He promises to bless us. To provide for us. To take care of our needs. That doesn't mean that He will give us everything that we want. We all know that there is a difference between needs and wants. He promises to supply all of our needs.

Since the beginning of time, to many different people, God has proven Himself faithful. God can be trusted. He will not be in debt to any man.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with your substance, with your giving. Don't just give. Honor God with your gift.

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