



HONOURING THE LORD



Proverbs 3:9-10

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1. Tithing.

a) Genesis 28:10-22.

2. First fruits.

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9 Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; **10** then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

↪ Honour the Lord with your
wealth.

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first fruits of all your
crops.



**Honouring the Lord
meant giving Him that
portion of material good
that He required, e.g.,**

1. Tithes.



Malachi 3:10

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

2. First fruits.

 **Proverbs 3:9**

**Honour the LORD with your
wealth, with the first fruits of
all your crops;**

3. Offerings.

 **Malachi 3:8**

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings.

4. Pledges.



Ecclesiastes 5:4

4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow.

5. Showing kindness to the poor.

 **Proverbs 19:17**

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

6. Project offering.



Exodus 25:1-2,8

1 The LORD said to Moses,

2 “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.

8 “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

➤ **First fruits were the first items harvested and often the best.**



Deuteronomy 26:9-10

9 He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey;

10 and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.” Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before Him.

- **If it's crops, you acknowledge that God is the owner of the land where you had ploughed.**
- **If it's from salary, you acknowledge that God is the one who provided you with the job.**

- **If it's from business, you acknowledge that God is the one who created opportunities for you.**

Acts 9:36-37

36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.



**Honouring God is done
through the priests.**



**Honouring God has
promises:**

- Your barns will be filled.**

Barn:

- ✓ **A barn is an agricultural building primarily located on farms and used for many purposes, notably for the housing of livestock and storage of crops. In addition, barns may be used for equipment storage, as a covered workplace, such as threshing. The word barn is also used to describe buildings used for uses such as a tobacco barn or dairy barn. An archaic word for one type of barn meant for keeping cattle was byre.**

– Your vats will brim over.

Vats:

➤ Containers for holding liquids especially in industrial processes.

Vat:

- **A large vessel, such as a tub, cistern, or barrel, used to hold or store liquids.**

 **God promised to honor those who honor Him.**

 **1 Samuel 2:30**

“Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: ‘I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.’ But now the LORD declares: ‘Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.



God is committing Himself.



Hebrews 6:13

13 When God made His promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, He swore by himself,



God's nature is our hold.



Numbers 23:19

God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?

(Adam Clarke)

- 1. The gratitude offering to God, commanded under the law, is of endless obligation.**



Nehemiah 10:35,37

35 “We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the first fruits of our crops and of every fruit tree.

37 “Moreover, we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and olive oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work.

2. It would be well to give a portion of the produce of every article by which we get support to God, or to the poor, the representative of Christ.

3. Whatever God sends us in the way of circular prosperity, there is a portion of it for the poor, and for God's course.

4. When that portion is thus disposed off, the rest is sanctified, when it is withheld God's curse is upon the whole.



Haggai 1:6,9

6 You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

9 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the LORD Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

(Jameson, Fausset & Brown)

- 1. Offering freely, gifts for God's service.**

2. Giving first fruits is also a form of worship.



2 Chronicles 31:5

As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything.

b) Romans 11:16

If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

- The first determines the rest.**
- The first guarantees the rest.**
- The first sanctifies the rest.**
- The first secures the rest.**

 **Giving is celebrating the goodness of God.**

 **Giving is a reminder that you are not your own.**

 **Giving is celebrating deliverance from sin.**



Luke 21:1-4.

1 As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. **2** He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. **3** “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. **4** All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

GIVING SHOULD BE DONE:

1. Generously.

➔ Giving or willing to give freely.

 **More than is necessary.**

 **Kind in the way you
treat people.**

2. **Intelligently.**

- ➔ **Good at learning, understanding and thinking in a logical way about things.**

3. Voluntarily.

→ Willingly, without being forced.

4. Enthusiastically.

→ Feeling or showing a lot of excitement and interest about something.

5. Sacrificially.

➔ Offering wholly
without
reservations.



**Offering something
important and valuable
to you in order to do
something important.**

6. Sincerely.

➔ Without hypocrisy.

➔ Genuinely.

**➔ From the depth of
our being.**

 **We belong to God, what we have is held as a trust for our host.**

 **We must make the basic decisions in our work to serve God with our monies and not serve money.**

 **We give in order to help meet the need of the church and destitute.**

 **We need to give in proportion to our income.**

 **We give to demonstrate our love for God.**



We give to God as a demonstration of saving not only money but also faith, time and service.



When God supplies in abundance, it is so that we may increase or multiply our good works.



When we give, we increase our dedication to God and activate the work of God in our financial matters or affairs.



Deuteronomy 28:1-2

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:**2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

6. Honouring the man of God.

a) 2 Kings 4:8-17

 She begged the prophet to bless.

 **She did it repeatedly.**

 **She perceived that
this was a holy man
of God.**

 **She increased her giving.**

 **When the prophet had rested.**

- Share all good things with instructors.**
- To support ministers is part of doing good to believers.**
- At the proper time we will reap.**

b) Galatians 6:6



It is the duty of all who are taught God's word to:

→ Provide material support to instructors.

7. Generous giving.

- a) Luke 6:38,
II Corinthians 8:1-7;
9:1-15.**