

## *Give Generously*



**Honor the Lord with your wealth and with  
the firstfruits of all your produce;  
then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.**

**- Proverbs 3:9-10**

# *Give Generously*

**Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. - Proverbs 3:9-10**

Do you sometimes get money as a gift for your birthday, or receive an allowance, or do jobs around the house to earn money? If so, did you know this money ultimately comes from God and belongs to God? The Bible tells us that God created everything, and that he owns everything, including our money. So, how can we use money in a way that pleases God?

One way is by giving some of it back to him. We give money to the Lord's work (for example, to the church or missions), not because he needs our help, but to honor and worship him. We give because we love God and we're grateful for all he's given to us, especially his gift of eternal life that comes by trusting in Jesus.

What does it mean to give God our firstfruits? Long ago, when it was harvest time, the farmer would give the first and best of his crops to God. Today, this means we are to give as soon as we receive money rather than waiting to see what is left over. We give generously because God has been generous with us. We give joyfully because we know God loves a cheerful giver.

Fools think that giving to the Lord's work will make them poor. But God honors those who honor him. This doesn't mean God will give us lots of money, but that he will bless us in many ways. God is the greatest treasure of all. Knowing and serving him is the greatest blessing of all. When we give, we remember that God has promised to meet our needs and that we are storing up treasure in heaven.