

WORD

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

God owns everything in the world. He is the source of everything we have, including our very lives. We honor God when we acknowledge this truth—that He is the owner of all things and He is above all we could ever desire or possess. In this lesson, we will learn how to honor God with our wealth.

1 Give God your first.

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God deserves our praise and thanksgiving for all He has given to us. As we receive provision and blessing from Him, our first response should be to worship Him with our wealth. Giving to God is not an afterthought but the immediate response to His goodness and faithfulness. What does it mean to give God our first?

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2 Give God your best.

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. **MARK 12:41,42**

As we give to God, we can learn from the widow who gave her best. If we are serious about honoring God with our wealth, we need to understand that God deserves the best. If we are to give Him the honor He is worthy of, our offerings will not be leftovers or portions that are of little value to us. What is your best? How have you learned to give God your best?

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3 Give God your all.

⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” **MARK 12:43,44**

Jesus was impressed by the poor widow who offered two copper coins. The widow gave everything she had—not even keeping the other coin for her own needs. By giving her all, she placed her whole life in the hands of God. We honor God when we give sacrificially—when we live by faith and trust His provision and grace in our lives. Why are we able to give sacrificially? How is Jesus the perfect example of this?

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