

## **WHY I GIVE TO GOD THE WAY I DO**

**Proverbs 3:9-10**

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We receive money by way of the loving hands of God (source) Who lovingly and graciously provides something for us to live on.

*Psalms 24:1; Haggai 2:8 Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Chronicles 29:14.* He is concerned that we use wisdom in how we manage it and to put it to good use.

### **1. I WANT TO HONOR THE LORD WITH MY MONEY – v.9**

#### **a) I Recognize God's Position Over My Money –1 Chronicles 29:11-14**

Honor = “heavy” or “weighty.” Because God is the ultimate and the most honorable in the universe, it is commanded of us to give Him that honor when it comes to our money. You and I have to settle in our hearts who is really in ultimate control of our money.

**b) I Recognize My Priority With My Money** - Honoring the Lord with your money is not just a giving of thanks to God for allowing you to have it, but to faithfully set aside a portion of it to give to Him.

“First fruits” - *Exodus 23:19.* The first fruits were the choice examples of a crop harvested first, and dedicated to God. Today, our substance, increase, produce, wealth is typically dollars. *Deuteronomy 14:22; Malachi 1:6-8, 14*

### **2. I WANT THE LORD TO HONOR MY MONEY – v.10**

PROSPERITY! When you put God first in everything, particularly honoring Him with your money God promises to cause you to prosper by always keeping your barns (bank account) filled with enough and oftentimes causing it to overflow.

*Psalms 35:27; 1 Samuel 2:30; Proverbs 11:24-25; Matthew 6:33*