

# Giving to God

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*“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9-10)*

## Introduction:

“If anyone was equipped to solve the difficult problems of life and tell us what life was all about, Solomon was that person. He was the wisest of men, and people came from all over to hear his wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-34). His wealth was beyond calculation so that he had the resources available to do just about anything he wanted to do.” – Wiersbe

The writings of Solomon provide us with 3 ways that we can be good stewards and honor God with our possessions.

## 3 Ways to Honor God with our Possessions

1. **Dedicate** them to God by giving to Him first (Proverbs 3:9-10)
2. **Conserve** them wisely (Proverbs 12:27; 21:20)
3. **Give generously** to those in need (Proverbs 11:24-25; 19:17)

John Wesley said, “Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can.”

## 7 Specific Ways to Biblically Give to the Lord

“You will always do more with 9/10 with God than 10/10 without Him.”

1. **Give locally** (2 Corinthians 8:19).  
Each believer’s money was given to their local church, then collected for one big offering.
2. **Give systematically** (1 Corinthians 16:2a).  
As resources flow in, they offer the firstfruits back to God, honoring Him before any others, recognizing the needs of the church go on every week of the year, not just at tax time.
3. **Give bountifully** (2 Corinthians 9:6).  
They know Christ has given all to them, and they know Christ owns all they have anyway.
4. **Give proportionately** (2 Corinthians 9:7a).  
It’s not about money, but obedience.
5. **Give willingly** (2 Corinthians 9:7b).  
God won’t force you...it’s to be a freewill offering.
6. **Give cheerfully** (2 Corinthians 9:7c).  
We get to give to the One that is the greatest Giver.
7. **Give expectantly** (2 Corinthians 9:8).  
God will take care of you.

## Closing

One man wisely noted, “A church doesn’t take offerings to raise funds for their needs, but to grow Christians.”