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# FINANCIAL ADVISORY



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### 4. HONOUR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH

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<sup>9</sup> Honour the LORD with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

PROVERBS 3

#### #1. THE PRIORITY OF DECLARING GOD'S WORTH

<sup>9</sup> Honour the LORD with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;

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<sup>11</sup> Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honour come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

1 CHRONICLES 29

<sup>17</sup> You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

DEUTERONOMY 8

**#2.**

## **THE PLEASURE OF ENJOYING GOD'S PROVISION**

<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

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<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 9

**#3.**

## **THE PRIVILEGE OF GOD'S JOY**

<sup>8</sup> 'Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

'But you ask, "How are we robbing you?"

'In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse – your whole nation – because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> 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.

MALACHI 3

<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9

<sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

## PHILIPPIANS 4

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. If God loves a cheerful giver, have you been giving to bring him joy, or because you feel obligated or in hope of getting something in return? What would help you give with genuine joy?**
- 2. How does God's generosity free you from fear of giving? Share a time you gave to God in spite of your fears and then experienced his gracious provision.**
- 3. What does it practically look like to honour God with your wealth? How would you be participating in the Give to the King offering in a way that is worthy of his greatness?**