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INTRODUCTION

We honour ourselves with clothes, precious ornaments, respect, and showers of encomiums. Kings and pageantries are honoured with ovations, polished speeches, and entertainment. People are honoured with praise, financial gifts, tokens, and both moral and financial support.

At Christmas time, supermarkets and financial institutions find the festive period lucrative, as people make purchases to honour their loved ones or colleagues, to show off, or to exhibit acts of generosity — but we neglect the Giver of all gifts.

Bible Text: Proverbs 3:5–10

GOD'S COMMAND AND OUR RESPONSE

God made and gave us the opportunity to be blessed. He enjoins us to appreciate Him with what He gives us in return — to honour Him.

When my sister started to work, she gave our father her salary every month, and I did the same to help and reward him for the pains he went through to send us to school.

In some cultures, it is believed that your first salary belongs to your parents. When a child gives that, all the extended family members have a share of it, no matter how little the amount. Such a child receives the blessing of every member of the family — to the child's pride.

In like manner, in times past, farmers brought their first harvest to the Lord. It was a way to honour and thank Him for all that was responsible for the production of the produce.

If we humans can cherish such acts, God is far more honoured when we give our substance to Him — especially

the first. It is, however, difficult to surrender the first, like Hannah did.

She submitted Samuel to the Lord and was blessed all the more.

It seems we are drifting away from pure religion. We are too encumbered with mundane things and are too concerned about ourselves to the neglect of God's commandment.

We often question biblical principles, and we think we are giving to pastors to enrich their purse. We should not bother ourselves about the pastor who seems dubious with regard to monetary affairs; rather, we should concern ourselves with obeying God's commandments.

We should know that the pastors or ministers who squander God's money, or who exploit congregations for personal gains, cannot go unpunished.

Let us honour God and receive our blessings — and let anyone spend it for his or her own doom.

We must give cheerfully and willingly to receive our blessings. Many people can testify to the blessing of giving.

When we give, we are blessed on earth and in heaven (Deuteronomy 15:10; Proverbs 21:26; Matthew 6:3–4; 2 Corinthians 9:10).


CONCLUSION

Honouring the Lord with our lives and possessions measures the level of our righteousness.

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