



Title: Honour's reward II
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Honour principle

1 Samuel 2:30 (NKJV) *But now the LORD says: '... for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.*

- **God also has a love language or honour language.** We need to study the scriptures to determine what communicates to God that we honour Him.

John 13:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives (honours) whomever I send receives (honours) Me; and he who receives (honours) Me receives (honours) Him who sent Me."*

- **God is honoured when we honour those whom He sends to us.**

Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV) ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;*

Honour the Lord – with our finances

Proverbs 3:9–10 (NKJV) ⁹ *Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.*

- **Finances?** Over 2000 scriptures in the bible about stewardship and finances.
- **The church: I will build My church.**

Double honour

1 Timothy 5:17–18 (ESV) ¹⁷ *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."*

- **Double honour.** Only place in the bible where it speaks of giving double honour to somebody. To elders, leaders in the church, who are faithful in the ministry of the Word.
- **Honour starts in the heart.** We can often see where somebody's heart is at. Our finances will go where our heart is at. **If we honour God and His cause in the earth? We will financially invest in what God is doing. What is He doing? He is doing church.** He is raising up churches and ministries all over the world to do His will.

Open heavens / Overflow of New wine / True riches

Malachi 3:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ *"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*

- Rob God? How? When we don't honour Him with our tithes and offerings.
- **Tithes?** That is to go to the storehouse. That is the place where we are fed spiritually. That is the local church, where God has planted us.
- **Offerings?** Above and beyond the 10% to give to the cause of Christ. Ministries or people God lays on our heart to give to.
- **Open the windows of heaven pour out blessing upon us.** Not merely financial blessing, it is a part of it, but much more than that.
- **There is a connection between extravagant giving and an "open heavens"**

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- Possessions? Is our offerings. Firstfruits of all your increase? Is our tithes
- Barns will be filled with plenty points to **financial provision.**
- **Vats overflow with new wine:** This speaks of an overflow of the presence of God.

Luke 16:10–13 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.* ¹¹ *Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*

- Finances = the least.
- **The true riches.** How we manage finances determines if we qualify to steward the true riches. The presence of God.
- **True riches = determined by our stewardship of the unrighteous mammon or money.** Prove our faithfulness in giving according to God's leading will determine if God can trust us with the fullness of His presence.

Abounding in grace – extravagant giving

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NKJV) ⁷ *But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.*

- God wants us to abound **in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in diligence, in love and in giving.** It is part of the grace of God. God empowers us to give extravagantly.
- **“See that you abound”...** make sure. Commit yourself to this. **It is important.**

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***Purpose in your heart this day to honour God in this area.** Ask Him to lead you in your giving.