

Friday, March 17

Proverbs 3: 1-35

MULTIPLY YOUR GIVING

Proverbs 3:9...*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;*

When you read this scripture do you feel that it does not apply to you because you are not wealthy? Well, here's the thing, at the time this scripture was written, the people it was directed to may not have thought they were wealthy either. In fact, by today's standards, they were not wealthy. So, is it possible that what you consider wealth is not what Jesus considers wealth? Is it possible that Jesus is saying that just the fact that you have something makes you wealthy? There is a saying, "in the land of the blind; the one-eyed man is king." That scripture does not refer to a person with a palace, thousands of slaves, and food for days. It refers to the fact that when you are the one who has what others lack, you are wealthy. You are wealthy!

With this understanding, what do you have to give to the God who has given you everything for which you have prayed? You can't out give God, so today, remember to practice the "God first lifestyle" where we give God the FIRST of our increase (tithe), the FIRST day of the week (to worship), and the FIRST part of the day (our focus). Before you give to anyone else, give him the FIRST (the fruit of your labor) as a sign that you honor him. Multiply your giving and see your giving multiply.

PRAYER

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray for a giving heart and a mind to give. I desire to give with a willing and cheerful spirit. No matter how I see myself I know that you are a giving God (John 3:16) and a loving father. I am your child and I want to resemble my father. Thank you for all that you have given me. In Jesus' name...Amen.