

In the Bible people freely gave to God according to what God had given them.

We have been given a lot in America.

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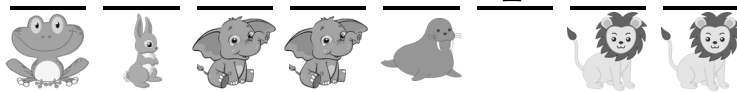
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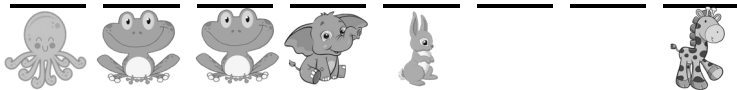


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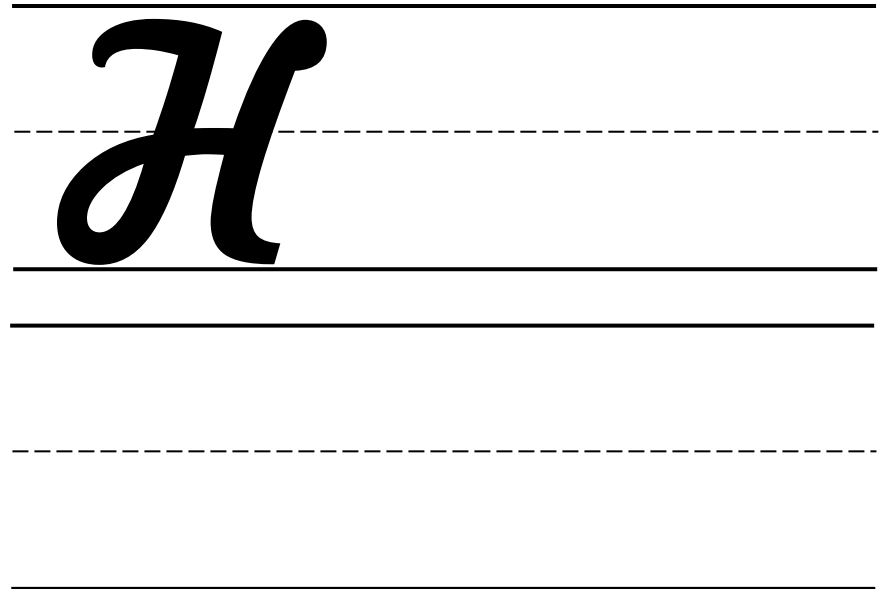
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Deuteronomy 16:10



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Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Proverbs 3:9

Many years ago Jews gave the first crops - which were the best crops they had - to the Lord. As Christian believers, we should give God the best of everything we have. We should give back to God our time, our treasures (money) and our talents.



I. Our Time



An average person lives for 70 years. *Psalms 90:10, "The days of our years are threescore (60) years and ten..."* How long is that compared to "forever" and "infinity"? It's not much - is it? *James 4:14 says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."*

A. With the time that God gives us we should spend the first part of the day reading our Bibles and praying. *Psalms 119:140, "Thy word (Bible) is very precious: therefore thy servant loveth it." Mark 1:35, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before dawn, he (Jesus) went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."*

B. We should spend the first part of the week going to church. *Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

How much time do you give to the Lord.

Sunday School ----- 1.5 hours
 Morning Preaching ----- 1.5 hours
 Evening Preaching ----- 1.5 hours
 Wednesday Night Service ----- 1.5 hours

**Total of
6 hours**



Six hours is not a lot compared to the whole week (168 hours). Try to go to as many services as we can. God deserves our time.

C. We should spend the best years of our life for God. Many people from the Bible gave their lives to the Lord when they were young: Samuel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Timothy.

God used David when he was young in *Psalms 71:17, "O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works."*

God used Ezekiel to stay pure when he was young in *Ezekiel 4:14 "Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth."*

God used Timothy as a young pastor because he knew the Bible. *II Timothy 3:15, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise..."*

Use the time God has given you to learn God's Word, tell others about Jesus and keep ourselves pure during our youth.

II. Our Treasure (Money)



Learn to give 10 percent of what you make to God. Abraham gave a tenth (which means 10 percent) to the Lord in *Genesis 28:22, "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of a tenth that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."* When we don't give God ten percent of what we make, we are stealing what should be God's. *Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."* If we make a dollar we should give 10 cents. Fill out the chart. (10 percent of something is that number multiplied by .10)

1 dollar (1 x .10) = 10 cents
 10 dollars (10 x .10) = 1 dollar
 20 dollars (20 x .10) = 2 dollars
 40 dollars (40 x .10) = _____ dollars
 100 dollars (100 x .10) = _____ dollars



Remember that the tithe (10 percent) belongs to God. So when you give above that tithe, it is an offering. An offering is anything above your tithe. If we make 10 dollars, 1 dollar is God's and if we give one dollar more for a free-will offering, that's two dollars that we gave to God out of the 10 dollars we made.

III. Our Talents



Whatever God has given us, we should use it for Him. Read the story of the talents in *Matthew 25:14-28*. Everyone was given something according to the abilities that God had given him. If we can do a lot of things, we should use those abilities for God. Even if we only have a few abilities, we should still use them for God. David played his harp for God and sang, also. What can you do for God? *I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."*

Proverbs 3:9, "Honour the LORD with thy substance, ...:"