

MAIN POINT

One of the ways we pursue change in the world is through generous giving.

INTRODUCTION

What are you most likely to indulge in or spend money on, even if the price is unreasonable?

What's the best advice about money you were ever given? Who gave it to you?

There aren't many topics as relevant as money. Just as money plays an important role in our lives, it has a place of prominence in the Bible as well. The Book of Proverbs contains practical instruction on the way we handle our money. As we steward our money well before God, we are able to honor Him by pursuing change through generous giving.

DISCUSSION

> **READ PROVERBS 3:9-10; 11:24-26.**

What would it mean for a believer to honor the Lord with the "firstfruits" of the harvest today?

What's the difference between giving to the Lord from the first portion of your income rather than the last?

Is giving to God limited to tithing? Why or why not?

Besides giving money to church, what are some other practical ways we can honor the Lord with our wealth?

What's the cause and effect relationship in the promise in Proverbs 3:9-10?

What paradox about giving is described in Proverbs 11:24-26? When have you seen this true in your own life?

In what ways can a person who gives generously be enriched?

How do you reconcile the belief that you have earned what you own with the fact that everything you have belongs to God?

What moves you to be generous? How is giving an act of worship?

What are some ways you hope to use money positively in your service to Christ?

APPLICATION

What financial decision is God calling you to make this week? Where can you cut back to honor God with your money? Where can you give?