

## *Excel in the Grace of Giving!*

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### *God's Blessings through Giving*

Every command God gives us is for our good, for the building up of the church, and for the honor and glory of his name. God's command to give, to share with others the resources with which he has blessed us, follows the pattern of command linked to blessing. Throughout Scripture, when a command to give is stated, along with that command is a reference to the rewards that the giver will enjoy. These blessings come in many forms. Some verses that promise blessing:

*"Honor the Lord with your firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing . . ." (Proverbs 3:9).*

*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25).*

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (Malachi 3:10).*

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).*

**As God's people, we don't give to receive, but God has ordained that through our giving we are blessed.**

