Shalom, and welcome to this study of Scripture.

In life, always remember to give to God; never forget this principle. Whether you are a pastor, teacher, prophet, ordinary believer, or anyone who has already surrendered your life to Jesus, always make it a habit to offer to God. Many people underestimate this aspect. It is true that we cannot give God anything He does not already own, because everything comes from Him (Psalm 24:1). However, our giving holds a significant place in God’s heart. Giving is a sign of love, care, and appreciation. It does not matter how small your gift is; what matters is the heart behind it.

Consider this example: Imagine your child comes home from school with a small gift—a pen—and says, “Mom/Dad, I passed my exam, and I saw this pen. I thought it would be useful for your work.” Reflect on this: the money used to buy the gift came from you, yet the thoughtfulness touches you deeply. If you receive it with a heart of love and gratitude rather than indifference, it will help you understand, love, and trust your child more. It may even inspire you to bless them tenfold for their thoughtfulness.

Similarly, when we give to God—whether money, offerings, or

anything else—He does not interpret it merely as a material gift. God sees it as a reflection of your heart: your love, care, and reverence for Him (2 Corinthians 9:7). How wonderful it must be for God to sense our love through our giving! There is also great reward attached to such acts.

Giving to God is not about obligation or reminders; it is a natural response that flows from the recognition of its importance. As Scripture says, “Each one should give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). True giving comes from the heart, prompted by love and devotion.

The proper place to give is where God’s Word is being taught. The offerings we bring are not stored in heaven like coins in a vault. Rather, God uses them to advance His work through His servants (1 Corinthians 16:1–2). When you give a specific amount as your offering, it is used wisely by God’s servants to fund His work. Yet remember, God has countless ways to accomplish His purposes; our giving is meaningful, but His plan is never limited by our actions.

Consider the example of Queen Esther:

In Esther 4:10–14, we see a moment of divine strategy and human responsibility:

> *“Then Esther sent back to Mordecai... saying, ‘All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being called... is to be put to death...’

Mordecai replied, ‘Do not think that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?’”*

Esther initially thought that remaining silent was safest, fearing the danger to her own life. Yet Mordecai reminded her that God’s deliverance is not dependent on one person alone; His plans can be fulfilled through many means. But God chose to use Esther’s obedience and courage to save the Jewish people. Likewise, when we humbly give to God and participate in His work, we become

instruments through which His purposes are accomplished (Romans 8:28).

If we refuse to give, God will still work through others, but our participation allows us to share in the blessing and the fulfillment of His plan. Giving is not about coercion; it is about aligning our hearts with God’s mission and becoming co-laborers in His Kingdom.

May the Lord help us understand this deeply and practice it genuinely, not just with words but with action (James 1:22).

Maranatha!

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