



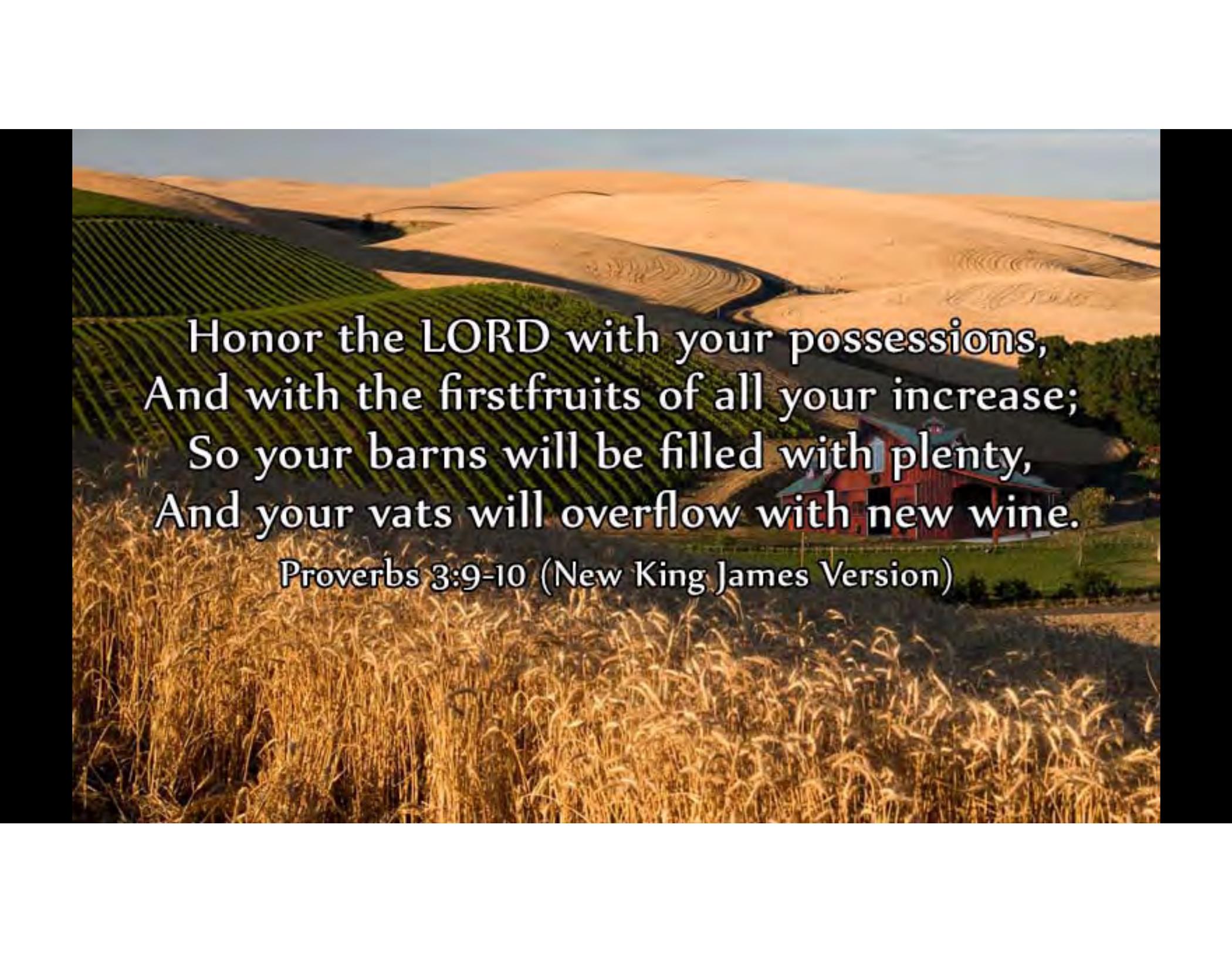
ALMSGIVING



**Growing in Faith**

**Money in the  
Kingdom of God**

**Honoring God  
With Our Money**



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So your barns will be filled with plenty,  
And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (New King James Version)



**Remember**

**Honoring God  
With Our Money**

He has made us Stewards of the Blessings of God



*Resources Used to Meet our Needs*

*Resources Used for the Kingdom of God*



## Dangers of Money

- Enslave – Matthew 6:24
- Stray From Faith – 1 Timothy 6:10
- Cause Lack of Trust in God – 1 Timothy 6:17
- Lure you want more & More & MORE– Luke 12:14
- Keep you from the Kingdom of God – Luke 18:24-25
- Choke out the Word of God – Luke 13:7



**How are we  
protected from  
those dangers?**

**Honoring God  
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Safeguard #1  
Stewardship – use of Lord’s resources

Tithing

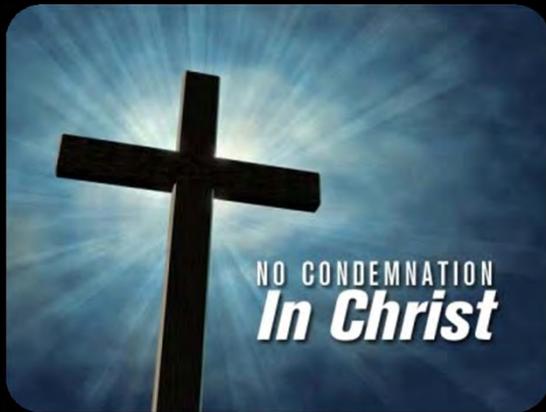
““You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.

And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, **that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.**

Deuteronomy 14:22-23



Do you have to Tithe? - No but it is a way to protect me:

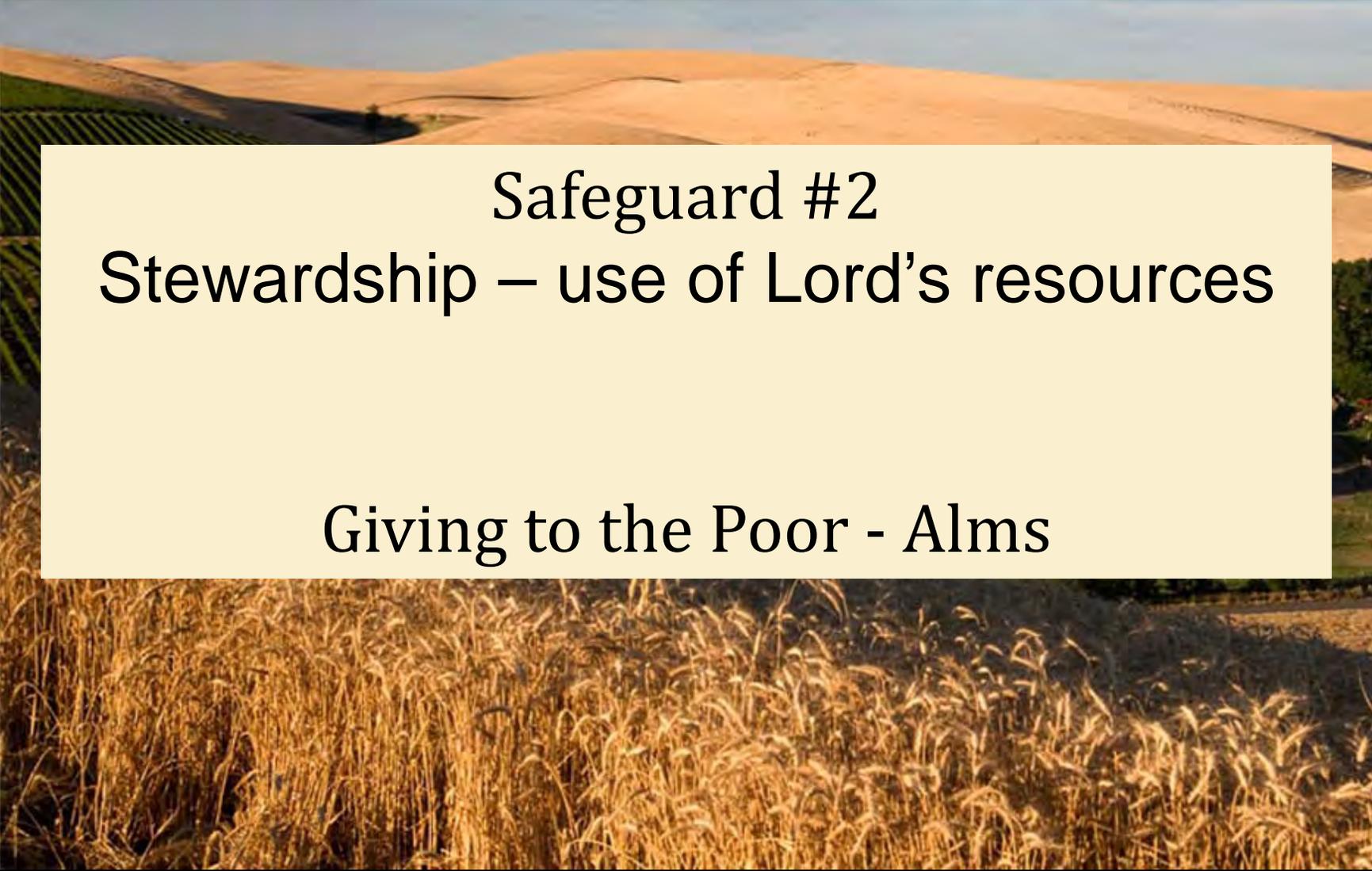


- It honors God as provider of everything
- It Show forth my love for the Lord.
- Way to receive blessings from the Lord
- Way to receive protection from the devourer.
- Brings consistency in giving that is a gateway to the offering to the Lord.

What a tricycle is to a car



Is Tithing to Offering



Safeguard #2  
Stewardship – use of Lord's resources

Giving to the Poor - Alms



**Matthew 6:1- 4**

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**Matthew 6:1- 4**

Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.



**Matthew 6:1- 4**

**But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.**



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## God's Care for the Poor

For there will never cease  
to be poor in the land.  
Therefore I command you,  
'You shall open wide your hand  
to your brother, to the needy and  
to the poor, in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15:11



## God's Care for the Poor



When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

Leviticus 19:9

## God's Care for the Poor



And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger:  
*I am* the LORD your God.  
Leviticus 19:10

Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the LORD,  
*Who* delights greatly in His commandments.

Psalm 112:1



Ruth

### The Blessing

Boaz begot Obed;  
Obed begot Jesse,  
and  
Jesse begot David.

Ruth 4:21-22



Boaz – Ruth - Obed



## Who Are The Poor?

People who do not have  
adequate food,  
adequate clothing,  
adequate shelter

People who are not having their needs met.



Towards the Poor

We are to have  
compassion and help them

Not just a feeling  
But an action



What *does it* profit, my brethren,  
if someone says he has faith  
but does not have works?

James 2:14



If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?

James 2:15-16



Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.  
James 2:17

## Results for Helping the Poor

Giving to those in need



He who has pity on the poor  
lends to the LORD,  
**And He will pay back  
what he has given.**

Proverbs 19:17

Giving to those in need



## Results for Helping the Poor

He who despises his  
neighbor sins;  
**But he who has mercy on  
the poor, happy *is* he.**

Proverbs 14:21

Giving to those in need



## Results for Helping the Poor

He who gives to the poor  
will not lack,

But he who hides his eyes  
will have many curses.

Proverbs 28:27

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;  
The LORD will **deliver** him in time of trouble.

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;  
The LORD will **preserve him and keep him alive,**

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;

*And* he will be **blessed on the earth**;

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;

**You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.**

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;

The LORD will **strengthen him on his bed of illness;**

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

**Blessed** *is* he who considers the poor;

You will **sustain him on his sickbed.**

Psalm 41:1-3 (New King James Version)

## Results for Helping the Poor

The LORD supports him on his sickbed;  
you completely heal him from his illness.

Psalm 41:3 (New English Translation)

**Hebrew – haphak = overturn**

## Requirements for Help Believers First



If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?.

James 2:15

## Requirements for Help No Family



Pure and undefiled religion  
before God and the Father is  
this:  
to visit orphans and widows in  
their trouble,  
*and* to keep oneself unspotted  
from the world.  
James 1:27

## Requirements for Help Willing to Work



“Those unwilling to work  
will not get to eat.”  
2 Thessalonians 3:10

## Results for Helping the Poor

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,  
but have not love,

I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

And though I have *the gift of prophecy*,  
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,  
and though I have all faith, so that I could remove  
mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-2(New King James Version)

## Requirements for Help Done in Love



And though I bestow all my  
goods to feed *the poor*, ...  
but have not love,  
it profits me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:3



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## Requirements for Help Done in Love

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## **Giving in Love Not for Showing Off**

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Giving is to be discrete  
because God cares for  
the honor of individuals





We give to those in need because our Father in heaven  
gave to us in our need.

Giving to the poor is acting like our Father.



Always seek the Lord in giving to the poor.

To Brothers and Sisters first  
To the Lost as He Directs

..for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and  
you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;  
I was naked and you clothed Me;  
I was sick and you visited Me;  
I was in prison and you came to Me.  
Matthew 25:35-36



Then the righteous will answer Him, saying  
“Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*,  
or thirsty and give *You* drink?  
When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in,  
or naked and clothe *You*?  
Or when did we see You sick,  
or in prison, and come to *You*?”

Matthew 25:37-39

And the King will answer and say  
Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the  
least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.  
Matthew 25:40





*Just live it.*

*But be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

*James 1:22 (New King James Version)*



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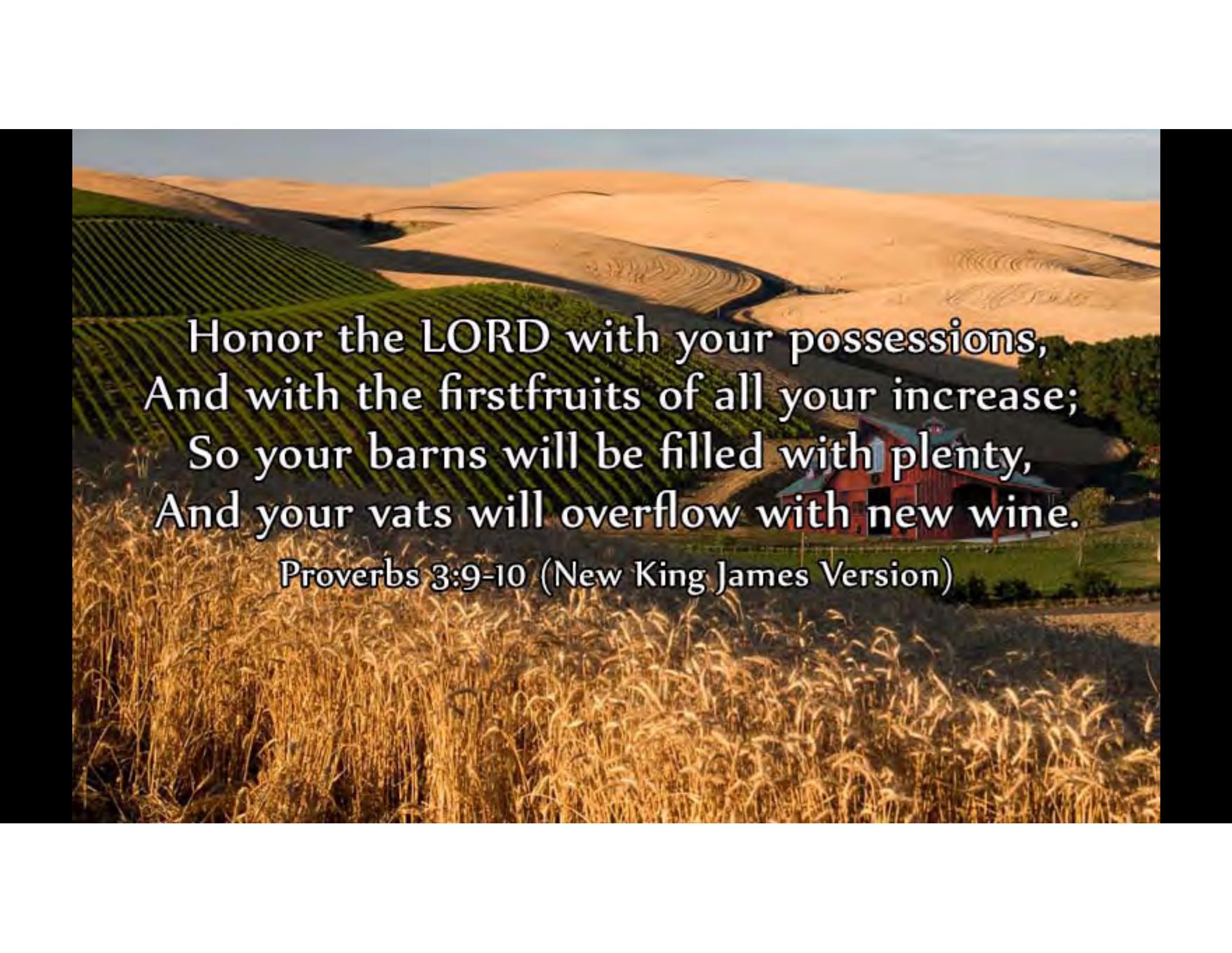
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