

# In touch Oct 2012

## GIVE THANKS

### "Store House" by Ps. Shalom

When Jesus walked on earth, He had no bank account or Visa card. Yet, He was rich, lacking nothing. He had whatever He needed for Himself as well as for the people around Him. When they needed healing, He provided it. (Matthew 12:15) When they needed food, He provided it. (Matthew 14:13-21) As long as they had Him, they had whatever they needed.

Likewise, when you have Jesus, you have an anointing within that makes you rich, even though in the natural, when you look at your finances, there may not be much but His favor enough to overflow in our life'.

Every child of God will come into increase, promotion and good breaks you didn't necessarily deserve. When blessings come, God desires that you wear His blessings well so you can be an example of His goodness and display His greatness to others.

We are His great representatives here on earth! Don't hide what God has blessed you with from the world. Learn to let God's goodness shine brightly in your life each and every day and wear His blessings well. As a child of the Most High God, your steps are ordered by Him. He has a specific place of blessing prepared for you. When you live a life of obedience to the Word of God, He promises to supply every one of your needs. Just as God directed Elijah to his place of blessing, God is directing you, too. He's aligning the right opportunities for you and causing the right people to come along your path to

help you get ahead. He's constantly working behind the scenes on your behalf. But you have to do your part to keep your heart open by following His Word and keeping an attitude of faith and expectancy.

Firstly, Deuteronomy 28:2 says, "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God." God is a rewarder of those that seek Him. When you keep God first place and do your best to honor Him, blessings always follow obedience.

2ndly, Deuteronomy 28:8 The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses...God Himself has promised that He will command the blessing on you in your storehouses. Notice that He said "storehouses". This means that He will command the blessing on your bank accounts, investment plans and everywhere that you put your money! Your storehouses will be blessed because when God commands the blessing, the blessing has no choice but to come on your storehouses!

Beloved, just believe God when He says that He will command His blessing on you in your storehouses. Get ready your storehouses and make room for the blessings. Position yourself to capitalize on the opportunities that He is sending your way!

## Putting God First in Your Priorities - by Joyce Meyer

There are so many things that clamor for our attention and devotion: our jobs, our kids, our spouses, our hobbies—the demands and distractions of life. And we have to be careful not to let them become more important or more of a priority than our relationship with God.

The first of the Ten Commandments states we will have no other gods before Him (see Exodus 20:3). And Deuteronomy 5:8-9 (NLT) says, “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind, or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods.”

Yet how many of the things that occupy our time, money, thoughts and attention have taken the place where God is supposed to be?

### **Distractions from Truth**

Anything can become a god to us—anything we worship or put an excessive amount of time into. Even your feelings can become a god if you allow them to control you. We need to ask ourselves, “Am I bowing down to God and His Word or to my feelings?”

Another challenge we have to confront is living in a world full of humanism and people not wanting God and His Truth to interfere with their lives and routines. It seems we have an epidemic of selfishness in our world today, and this creates all kinds of unhealthy situations.

But the good news is, we don't have to settle for this way of living. In Christ, we can enjoy our lives—abundantly! (See [John 10:10](#).)

*“ The key to having God's 'abundant life' is keeping Him in His rightful place in our priorities. ”*

### **Benefits of Keeping God First**

Make it your goal to have a deep, intimate relationship with God. Let Him into every area of your life. If you constantly look to other people for answers and validation, pray about this and ask the Lord to help you stop doing that and instead look to Him. (See 1 Thessalonians 2:4.) As we live to please God, He promises to bless our lives and make us prosper.

When you decide to serve God with your whole heart and make Him first in your life, your soul will prosper and your joy and peace will increase. Remember to lean on Him more than anything else, and tell Him, “God, I want to do this, but I can't do it without You.” He doesn't expect you to live for Him in your own strength or ability, and He understands when you make mistakes.

So if you mess up, don't be discouraged and let it hold you back; confess it and keep going. God will give you grace to do what you need to do. One day at a time you and God together can do anything!

When you put God first,  
your life becomes  
aligned with His plan

Being Thankful — Ps. Shalom

Psalm 92:1 says “It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.” The Bible says that it is a good thing to give thanks to God. And when we give thanks, two things follow, as described in verse 2 of Psalm 92 – we will see evidence of God's loving kindness and His faithfulness in our lives.

When we begin to thank God for everything, we naturally begin to pray without ceasing and we are filled with joy. Our Lord Jesus, when He walked on this earth, thanked God continuously. In John 11:41, when He raised Lazarus from the grave, our Lord didn't pray for this prayer to be answered. Instead He thanked God for answering His prayer. Some of our dreams and desires are dead and stinking. But if we thank God for them, we will see our situation being resurrected and coming back to life.



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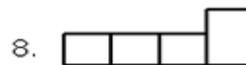
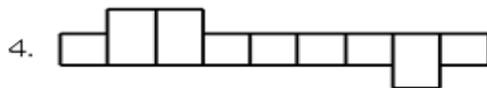
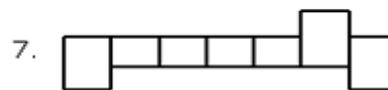
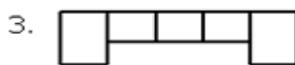
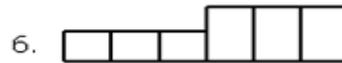
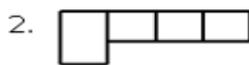
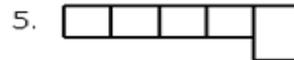
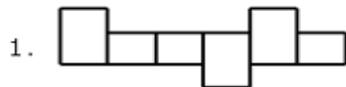
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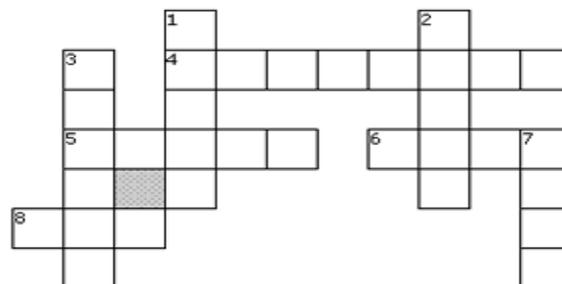
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## ACROSS

- A contribution or gift made at a religious service
- The official currency issued by a government
- Having little or no wealth
- The entire amount; everything

## DOWN

- A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
- A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
- A building used for worship
- Having great material wealth

offering	rich	poor	all
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## First Things First - by Paula white

Putting Him first is a foundation principle that has transformed my life, and it can transform yours too! Keep **FIRST THINGS FIRST**, and God will take care of the rest. The Hebrew meaning of First Fruits is "the first in place, time, order, or rank." It also means the beginning, the chief or principle thing, God always lays claim to it. God declares, "*When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the **first fruits** of your harvest to the priest*" (**Leviticus 23:10 NIV**).

This divine establishment of God's order is actually the root, the foundation that governs the rest. "*For if the **first fruit** is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches*" (**Romans 11:16 NKJV**).

The first represents the total. All firsts belong to God!

*"Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow . . ."* (**Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV**).

**So, how do you implement the principle of First Fruits? Simply put, you KEEP FIRST THINGS FIRST in every area of your life by:**

**PRAYING/CONSECRATION.** Give God the **FIRST** of your day. When you wake in the morning, seek Him with your **FIRST** thoughts and prayers. Talk to Him **FIRST** every day, before you do anything else. Come to Him with your needs and desires- family, career, financial recovery and blessings. He will honor your faithfulness!

**PLANNING.** As you are looking ahead in end of 2012, what are your goals? Seek clear direction from God for everything in your life. Write it down and keep it accessible daily. Let it get deep into your spirit.

### **MAKING AN OFFERING.**

Give your First Fruits offering in obedience to God's command and see the activation of His promises. Your sacrificial offering will be a seed for blessings the remainder of the year. According to Ezekiel 44, when you present your First Fruits offering, it will cause a blessing to rest upon your house!

## **"Giving Prayer" By Rev. Johnson Varghese**

Giving prayer has nothing to do with money. It is amazing that when we think of 'giving', we only think of money. It is much easier to part with money, than it is to part with what God really wants, which is our hearts, minds and basically every part of us. Here are some key concepts of a giving prayer. We can give only what we have received, we cannot give what we do not have. Basically everything that we have, the very breath we have, our heart that keeps us alive, our families, our health... everything, is a gift from God. We may earn a salary and purchase things, but the job and the education to get a job, comes to us through the Grace of God. We are incredibly indebted to Him for everything we have – and when we offer our lives back to Him to use for His glory, we honour Him through that act. It is a 'giving' act and it will affect our prayer lives.

When we give, it must be out of an overflow of love. There is a big difference when we do things out of a sense of duty and when we do things out of love. Love makes even the most difficult thing, easy, or at least worth the effort. When we love God, giving becomes very easy.

God has giving us everything to enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17. Don't pray if you trust only in riches. But if you are humble (not high-minded), and if you trust God and can give Him your faith and confidence, then God will answer you. When we give ourselves to God, we invest in God's kingdom. Giving ourselves to God is an investment for the future, while giving ourselves to the world will result in loss. Our Time, Talents and Treasures must be given to God and our prayer will be backed by a convoy of fresh giving. When God sees that, He will open heavens above us and pour out His miracles on our lives in answer to our prayers.

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THANK YOU, JESUS, FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL FOOD YOU'VE SET BEFORE US ... AMEN

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## Principle of Giving—"Collection and edited"

### The Giving Principle

God gave man two gifts in the book of Genesis. He gave them dominion, and He gave them authority. (Genesis 1:26.) What can a man do with dominion and authority? You go, "I know, but Satan took it." I know, but Jesus came and got it back for us. So, He gave us dominion, and He gave us authority. He gave them seed, every herb bearing seed. You have been given dominion, authority and seed—so then you can plant your seed in life—not just financially, but in every area. Remember everything is based on sowing and reaping. Galatians 6:7 tells us, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So God promises to prosper you when you give, because God's system is different than man's system.

### The Measuring Principle

The Bible tells us that God enables us to perform the gifts according to the proportion, or measure of faith. The measuring cup of our success is according to that which God has deposited into us. This spiritual principle is true and can be applied to us when it comes to operating within the principles of reaping. Our level of operation is according to what we deposit into God's system.

Matthew 7:2 says, "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." So, in other words, if you give an ounce, an ounce or more comes back. If you give a cup, a cup or more comes back. If you give a gallon, a gallon comes back. So, people want a gallon but have an ounce mentality of giving. So, don't get jealous of someone receiving a gallon when you're over here giving an ounce.

God does not show favoritism but He does show favor to those who give accordingly. It's imperative that the body of Christ learn to share the gifts and the blessings of God with each other and not be critical. If you get jealous of others, it will cripple your spirit, and that means that you're depleted. And if you're depleted in your soul, you're depleted in life! It all balances here. So if somebody gets a gallon, it's because they're giving a gallon according to that measure.

### The Promise of Giving and Receiving

God is a giver, and He sets the example, which we should follow. The Amplified Bible says, "Therefore be imitators of God—copy Him and follow His example—as well-beloved children [imitate their father]." (Eph. 5:1.) It is obvious that we should imitate God. Our lives should be reflections of Him. We should think like God, talk like God, walk like God, and give like God. Everything that you feel is your destiny, your desire, your dream; I believe that the Lord will equip you for in life. Imitate, copy Him, and follow Him. Now, this is important, many of us, sometimes we can give, but we have a hard time receiving

God is not just a God that gives; He is also a God who receives. God receives our worship. The Bible says that He seeks for worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. (Jn. 4:24.) He seeks people who will whisper in His ear with a heart of love, "I love you." God doesn't just want to give to you. He wants to receive from you. It's a reciprocal thing. He says, "I want to bless you, I want to be good to you, but I want you to worship me. I want you to tell me you love me. I want you to spend time with me." It's not just our giving God is interested in; it's our ability to receive, too.

Your purpose and God's destiny intertwine, leading you to His perfect will. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing you are in the perfect plan of your life. When you discover that God gives you the power to get wealth, you will have arrived at a desire to establish His covenant. You can't give one time or you won't get a harvest. It's a lifestyle of continual giving. Your whole life is about giving, and not just financially. You're giving kind words, time, talents, gifts...!

## Birthday Celebrities



### WORSHIP TIMINGS



**Faheheel @ 10 am**  
**Annex Hall @ 4pm**  
**Hall of Hope @ 6pm**

**\* Every Sunday @ TLC Fellowship Hall  
 Kan & Konkani @ 6:30-8:00pm**

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### Cell Meeting

**On Every Monday**

**\* Faheheel -7pm**

**\* Salmiya -7pm**

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From October 18th to 24th

## During Eid Holidays...



## Anniversary

1. MR. Alwin Karkada & Mrs. Beena - 6th Oct
2. Mr. Sebastin & Mrs. Jasmin—9th Oct
3. Mrs. & Mr. Steaven - 16th Oct
4. Mr. Mohan & Mrs. Dr. Suchitra - 29th Oct
4. Mr. Maxwell & Mrs. Priyadarshini - 30th Oct

**Thought For The Month...** Thanksgiving is the language of faith which pleases God and causes miracles to manifest in your life.

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