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Deuteronomy 8:11-17

"...Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God... For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in... and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, that is the time to be careful. Do not become proud at that time and forget the LORD your God... He did it so you would never think that it was your own strength and energy that made you wealthy.." Deuteronomy 8:11-17

Prosperity can greatly bless our lives and is promised to those who will seek the LORD. Biblical prosperity is, in fact, an overflow of God's life working within the believer. "Beloved, I wish that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers." (3 John 2). While money is neither inherently good nor evil, its influence can greatly impact our lives as well as the lives of those around us.

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Without a developed lifestyle of giving we are in danger of forgetting from whom our prosperity comes. Regular and faithful tithing coupled with generous offerings and hidden alms practices keep us in a constant focus upon the Lord's provision to us. Giving also reflects the thankfulness of our hearts.

To forget the LORD in the midst of prosperity is foolish and is one of the first steps in turning from the LORD. "Because when they knew God they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful...." (Romans 1:21)

Could it be that a "thank offering" is appropriate at this time in your life? Could it be that a monetary gift as a thank offering, expressing your grateful heart could be made to your local church or ministry that cares for the needy? Whatever you decide – it is always appropriate to offer a tangible offering of praise and thanksgiving from your heart!

"Father, I offer You thanks for..."

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