

## Education– GS Student Scholarships

# Sowing Bountifully

What a privilege it is to return to God some of the many blessings He entrusts to us. Throughout our lives and at our death, we can give generously to God's work and thereby acknowledge Him as the Giver of all good things.

Sadly, many well-meaning people hold on to assets and investments above their needs until the day they die. And then, often before the grave flowers have even wilted, family members phone the lawyers to find out, "How much did I get?" How tragically sad this is.

If we genuinely believe that *all* we own is God's, then why does it all somehow become our children's on the day we die? Death doesn't remove God's ownership nor our responsibility to be faithful stewards.

We each have ample opportunity to give generously to God and our families and be incredibly blessed in the process. So why would we leave our giving until it's too late? Would a faithful steward leave God's assets to be spent on the unknowable desires of the next generation or, worse still, on family arguments and legal fees?

So what's the solution? "Do your giving while you're living, so you're knowing where it's going."

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, God gives us this beautiful promise, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

**Appeal:** As we now return God's 10% tithe and give our Promise offerings, let's give with a grateful and cheerful heart. God has already blessed us in our lives, and now we can show our thankfulness by returning these gifts to Him.

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