

Devotional Thought

Week of February 10th

GIVE GOD HIS OWN

An old farmer who loved God and considered himself a steward of God's possessions, was known for his generosity, but he still remained prosperous. His friends finally asked, "How is it that you give more than the rest of us and still seem to prosper more?"

The farmer replied simply, "That's easy. You see, I keep shoveling into God's bin, and God keeps shoveling more and more into mine, and God has a bigger shovel."

He'd learned the same secret Jesus taught the religious leaders. There need be no conflict in power or in financial affairs if we give God what belongs to Him and to others what is theirs. In our inflationary economy with the emphasis on the accumulation of money and "things," we need Jesus' teaching to place stewardship in its proper perspective. We are merely caretakers of what rightfully belongs to God. Thus, it behooves us to evaluate what God would have us do with the blessings he's given us. How can we use our money, our homes, our cars, our other possessions to His honor and glory?

Prayer Thoughts: Father, forgive us when we get wrapped up in the temporal worldly things of life. Give us an eternal vision of honoring You with all we are and have, for "*only what's done for Christ will last.*"
AMEN.