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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1556 ~ Storehouses of Blessings.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

A Christian high school teacher had the habit of praying softly over his classes as he watched them work on their manual arts projects. Years after leaving school, dozens of those students became believers in Jesus. Some went on to become pastors and missionaries. When the teacher, by then in his retirement, was asked what he said to get such a response from his students, he was stunned. He had not known of the conversions of many of his former students. Apart from his prayers, the teacher had done nothing to influence his students toward Christ. The only common point of spiritual connection the students shared was that they were prayed over by their teacher. What storehouses of blessings in heaven await those who have faithfully prayed for others but have never known the results of their prayers!

In Old Testament times, God had appointed the Temple in Jerusalem to be the formal place of worship by His chosen people the Israelites. The Law of Moses was a covenant or agreement established between God and the Israelite people for them to be a blessing to the other nations of the world. The Law of Moses contains 613 rules. Before God, if one rule is not obeyed, the whole Law of Moses is broken for that person. The taking of an animal's life and the shedding of blood was to cover the people's sins. This restored the covenant between God and His people. It was a powerful way of teaching and reminding the people how holy God is and just how destructive sin is.

King Hezekiah made arrangements for the priests and Levites to carry on the usual day-by-day Temple worship and offerings as required in the Law of Moses. So the priests and Levites could be provided for, Hezekiah encouraged the people of Judah to bring in their tithes of produce, grain and animals to the Temple for food for those serving God there.

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The people responded to Hezekiah's example of giving to the worship and upkeep of the Temple. So much was gathered in that storerooms had to be built in the Temple to house the heaps of foods leftover after the priests, Levites and their families had received their portion. What blessings in return the people received because they willingly brought their gifts to the Temple!

Will God increase the yield of farms if farmers tithe to the Lord? A farmer in Australia told his story of how each year, he picked one field on his farm to be the Lord's paddock for that year. Whatever grew in that area was sold and the money was given to the Lord. Every year no matter which piece of land he chose to be for the Lord, that area always produced more than the fields either side of it.

Another man once went to a well-known senior pastor with his concerns about tithing. He said he had a problem. He'd been tithing for some time. It wasn't too hard when he was making \$20,000 a year. He could afford to give up \$2,000. But now he was making \$500,000 a year, he couldn't afford to give away \$50,000 a year.

The pastor reflected on this wealthy man's problem but gave no advice. He asked the man if he could pray about it. The man agreed, so the pastor bowed his head and prayed, "Dear Lord, this man has a problem and I pray that you will help him. Please reduce his salary back to the place where he can afford to tithe."

Some Christian churches insist their members tithe. But there's no directive in the New Testament that supports this. Rather, people who love the Lord are to give generously, cheerfully and even sacrificially.

Throughout the Bible, God doesn't focus on how much money you might have but rather, on how generous you are with what you have. One thing is clear: wherever your money goes, this reveals what you care about most. Knowing that everything we have is a gift from God motivates us to share our possessions more freely. Generosity promotes giving, trusting, being merciful and putting the needs of others above our own desires. These traits build up relationships and allow us to see God's provision in amazing ways to replenish what we've given to him.

But be warned: we can give to God with wrong motives too.

A seven-year-old girl had just won \$2 for knowing her memory verse in Sunday School. After the morning service, the pastor's wife congratulated her. The child proudly announced, "And I put it all in the morning's offering!" "My, how wonderful!" The pastor's wife exclaimed. "I'm sure God will be pleased." "Yes," the girl replied, "now maybe God will let me do some of the things I want to do!" And aren't we all tempted to boast about something good we've done for God and then expected Him to overlook something wrong in our life as though He owes us something back!

A famous writer watched a family of birds teaching their young ones to fly and described it in his writing. One adult bird moved the three chicks along a dead branch until the end one fell off. It had to flutter its wings or fall into the water below. The chick soon found that it could fly. The same happened with the second one. But the third one clung to the branch desperately and only let go when the adult bird pecked its feet painfully. The adult bird knew that a bird is designed to fly and must fly to survive.

For people, giving is what we do best. It is an action designed into us before we're born. Some of us try desperately to hold onto ourselves and live for our own desires. We look and feel so uncomfortable as we try to hang onto the dead branch of a bank account for dear life, afraid to risk ourselves to the untried wings of giving and trusting God for our needs. We don't think we can live generously because we have never tried. But the sooner we start, the better, for one day we are going to have to give up everything in our lives finally. The longer we wait, the less time we have for experiencing the joy of soaring through life full of God's grace.

King Hezekiah was such a blessing to the people of Judah. Under his leadership, they came closer to God and were helped to trust Him in a way they hadn't done before. Is your life a blessing to the other people around you? If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, set aside time to pray and wait on Him. Pray persistently and don't give up in defeat or disappointment. Often the results of your prayers will not be revealed to you so you won't become proud. But in heaven, all will be revealed. You will then rejoice in God's wisdom for eternity!

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That was Ashley Cleveland singing "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness."

*The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.*

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