

## Mine-o-Saur

One of my granddaughter's favorite children's books is titled "Mine-a-Saur." It is a story about a young dinosaur that goes to school and gets very possessive of toys other young dinosaurs at the school were playing with. He keeps saying, "It's mine. Mine. Mine." As he is saying those words he grabs the toys away from everyone else. As I read the story to Abigail I use a whiney tone when I say "Mine, mine, mine." My granddaughter immediately retreats to the opposite end of the couch, staying as far away from me as possible – but still listening to the story.

**EVERYTHING WE HAVE**

*—including our ability to pray in power—*

**COMES FROM GOD.**

In our own lives we get possessive of things, too. We may not grab things away from others, but we convince ourselves that we earned something – so it must be "mine, mine, mine." We forget that *all* we have comes from God. We forget that God may have blessed us with a wonderful family, the opportunity to live in this country and the skills that translate into our ability to support our family. The nice house, late model car, the boat or RV in the driveway – are all because of God's blessings on our life.

Why does God bless us so richly? He enriches us so we have the ability to share with others. We can enable ministries of the church and human service charitable organizations in the community. We can share our talents by helping others. We can volunteer for worthwhile causes. God gifts us for a reason. ...*From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked (Luke 12:48).*

I wonder what it would be like if God was sitting next to me on the couch and I went into a "mine, mine, mine" rampage. Would He distance Himself from me, as my granddaughter did? Would God be disappointed in my egotistical, possessive, ungrateful attitude? Like Abigail, I know He would still listen to me – hoping I would change my tune.

When God blesses your life, take the time to thank Him, and then use those blessings to help His Kingdom.

**Scripture:** LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you (1 Chronicles 29:16).

**Question:** How has God blessed you? Are you using these gifts to help others?

**Prayer:** Most gracious, generous Heavenly Father. We pride ourselves in our work, and how we can accumulate possessions as a mark of success. We overlook the fact that you gifted us with so much, so that we could have the ability to help others. Let me be mindful that you are the source of all that we have and you provide us with opportunities to do good things with these gifts. Amen.