



Sermon Notes

“First Things First”

Matthew 6:31-34

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1. _____ we have toward _____. ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35)

- _____ –something is being _____ from me. (II Corinthians 9:7)
- _____ –giving is my _____. (Malachi 3:9-10)
- _____ – _____ something in _____. (2 Cor. 9:10)

2. Giving has different _____ to our lives. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. (II Corinthians 9:12) NLT

- _____ are gifts of _____ connected to _____! (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- _____ are gifts of _____ connected to _____ and _____.
_____. (Malachi 3:10-12)
- _____ are gifts of _____ connected to abundant _____.
(II Corinthians 9:11)

3. First Fruits _____ God to _____ your harvest. The first of all the first fruits of every kind and every contribution of every kind....you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough to cause a blessing to rest on your house. (Ezekiel 44:30) (Romans 11:16)

- God's blessing _____ on your _____. (Ezekiel 44:30c)
- God stands _____ to fend off _____. (Jeremiah 2:2-3)

4. Practicing First Fruits is another _____ to exercise _____ and receive greater _____. (II Corinthians 8:12)