

Blessed to be a Blessing

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Day 1 – First Fruits: Putting God First

Scripture

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” – Proverbs 3:9–10

Reflection

First fruits are about priority, not leftovers. It's giving God the very first portion, showing trust that He will bless the rest. We know what it's like to be “busy” and “budgeting time or money.” But first fruits is about setting the tone—God first, everything else second.

Story

Think of when your favorite artist drops a new album. You don't wait two weeks to listen—you stream it right away. You prioritize what excites you. First fruits is like that—giving God the first “track” of your life, your paycheck, your day, your heart. When you do, you're saying, “God, You get the first play.”

Application

- Start your day with prayer before Facebook, TikTok or Instagram.
- Give God the first portion of any increase, your first paycheck, your first raise, business deal, first bonus... before spending on wants.

Additional scriptures:

Firstfruits

These passages describe giving the first portion to God, consecrating the “first” and best as an act of trust and priority.

- **Exodus 23:19** — *“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your ground...”* — Firstfruits as offering of the best to God.
- **Exodus 34:26** — *“Bring the choice firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.”* — Repeats the priority of firstfruits.
- **Leviticus 23:10–11** — Instructions for the wave-sheaf (firstfruits) at the Feast of Weeks. — Ritual of presenting first harvest to God.
- **Numbers 18:12–13** — The firstfruits and best belong to the LORD and are given to the Levites. — Firstfruits designated for God’s service.
- **Deuteronomy 26:1–11** — Instructions for bringing the firstfruits and declaring God’s provision. — Firstfruits as testimony of God’s blessing.
- **Proverbs 3:9–10** — *“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops...”* — Promises blessing when we honor God first.
- **Nehemiah 10:35–37** — Bringing firstfruits, tithes, and contributions to the house of God. — Corporate practice of firstfruits.

Prayer

Father, I choose to put You first. I give You the best of my time, my treasure, and my heart—not what’s left over. Just as I honor You with my firstfruits, I trust You to bless the rest. Help me to live with You as my first priority every day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
