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The Ripple Effect



- The **Ripple Effect** – a situation in which, like ripples **expanding** across a body of water after an object is dropped in, this effect can be followed **outwards** incrementally

- We are going to **explore** the ripple effect of our **giving**
- The **principle** of **first**

#### Exodus 13:1-2

*The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”*

- It is **mine**

#### Exodus 13:12-13

*<sup>12</sup> you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.*

- The **first born** must be sacrificed or **redeemed**
  - **Jesus** is the Father’s tithe (Romans 5:8)
  - All the **plunder** of Jericho was **devoted** to God (Joshua 6:17-20)
  - When we give the **first born** He **redeems** the rest
- The **first fruits** must be given to God

#### Proverbs 3:9-10

*<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

- When you bring the first fruits He **redeems** the rest
- What was the **difference** between Cain and Abel’s offerings (Genesis 4:3-5)
- God can never be **second**
- The **tithe** must be given to God **first**

#### Leviticus 27:30

*<sup>30</sup> “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.*

- It **belongs** to God
- When we give the **tithe** He redeems the rest

#### Luke 16:10-11

*<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*