



Firsts – New Year's 2023
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HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL HEALTH IN 2022?

- _____ Spiritually APATHETIC
_____ Spiritually INCONSISTENT
_____ Spiritually CONSUMED

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. (Matthew 6:33)

FIRST - *being before all others with respect to time, order, rank and importance*

WHAT TO DO FIRST IN 2023

1. FIRST OF THE DAY: SEEK GOD

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and exhausted land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1)

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place: and there he was praying. (Mark 1:35)

ACTION STEP: 10 Day Devotional Plan – OVCN App – My Dashboard

2. FIRST OF THE WEEK: WORSHIP

On the first day of the week, we assembled to break bread. (Acts 20:7)

And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other... (Hebrews 10:24-25)

ACTION STEP: OVCN Membership Class – January 21

3. FIRST OF THE MONTH: TITHE

Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

TWO OPTIONS FOR YOUR TITHE: STEAL IT or GIVE IT

ACTION STEP: Financial Peace University – Starts January 10

4. FIRST OF THE YEAR: FAST

Announce a sacred fast; proclaim an assembly! Gather the elders and all the residents of the land at the house of the Lord your God and cry out to the Lord. (Joel 1:14)

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting isn't obvious to others but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:17-18)

ACTION STEP: 10 Day Fast – January 9-18 – Register on OVCN App

**IF YOU WANT SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER HAD...
YOU GOTTA DO WHAT YOU'VE NEVER DONE!**