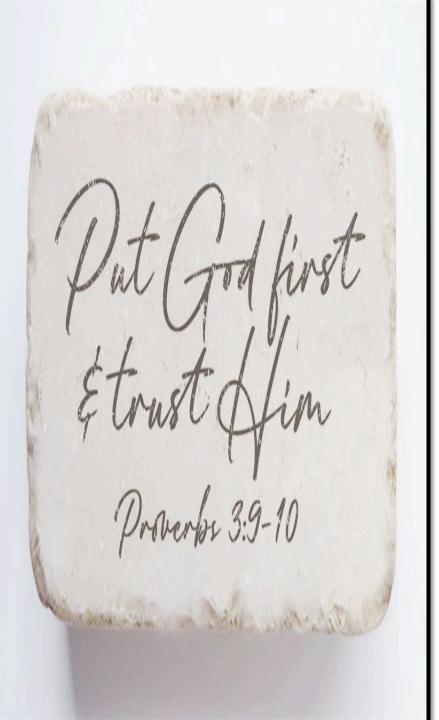
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# Insight, Instructions, Increase, and Inspiration



# **Day Thirteen** Giving Initially

#### Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

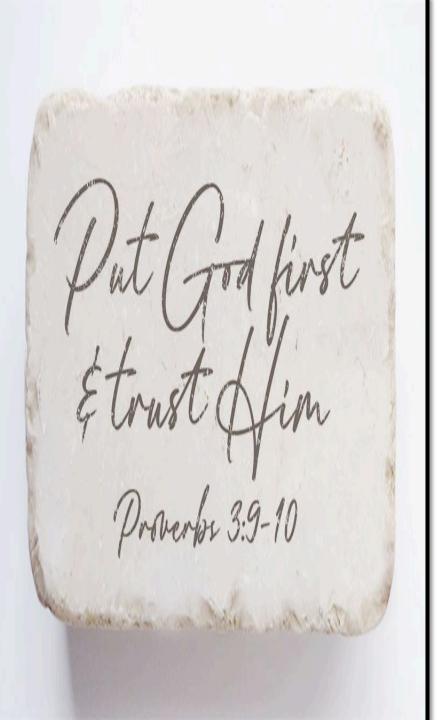
9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 THEN your barns will be filled to OVERFLOWING, and your vats will BRIM OVER with new wine.

#### 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should SET ASIDE a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

#### <u>PERSPECTIVE</u>

When I Am Faithful With The First God Can Trust Me To Multiply The Rest!!!



## Day Thirteen ~ Giving Initially

Are You Willing To Make God Priority? God Desires and God Demands Priority In Every Area Of Your Life

Exodus 20:3 (NIV)

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

#### Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

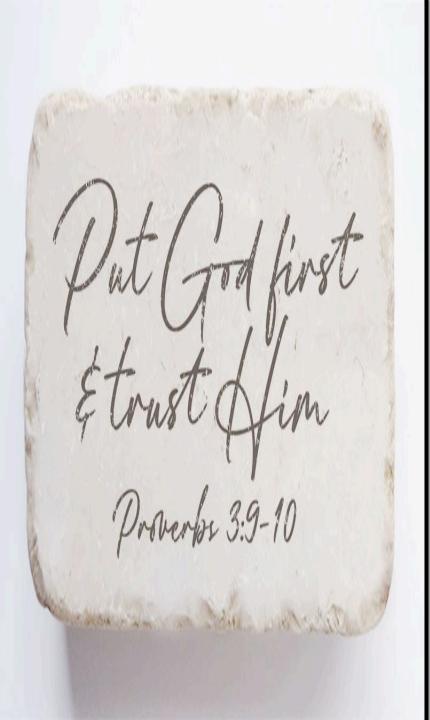
33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

#### Matthew 22:37-38 (NKJV)

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
38 This is the first and great commandment.

#### Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)

4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.



### Day Thirteen ~ Giving Initially Biblical Examples 1 Kings 17:12-15 (NKJV)

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

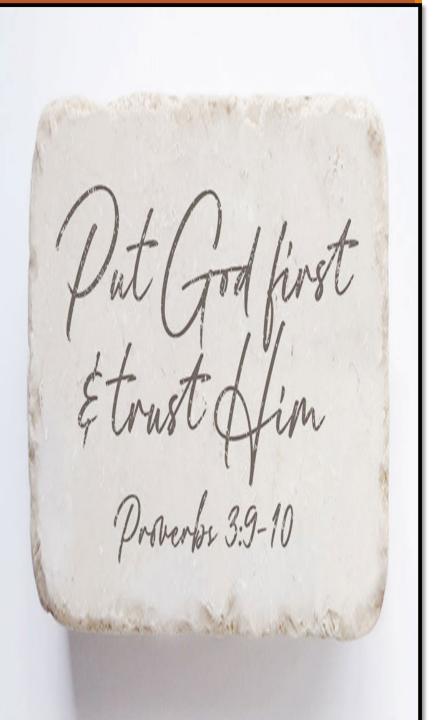
13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, BUT MAKE ME A SMALL CAKE FROM IT FIRST, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' " 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and SHE AND HE AND HER HOUSEHOLD ATE FOR MANY DAYS.

#### GOD WILL NEVER YOU TO DO SOMETHING HE IS NOT WILLING TO DO Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

15 He {Jesus} is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. John 3:16 (ESV)

16 "For God so loved the world, that **HE GAVE** his only Son...



## Day Thirteen Meditation

#### Leviticus 23:10 (ESV)

10 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall **bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest** to the priest...

Romans 11:16 (ESV)

16 **If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy**, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

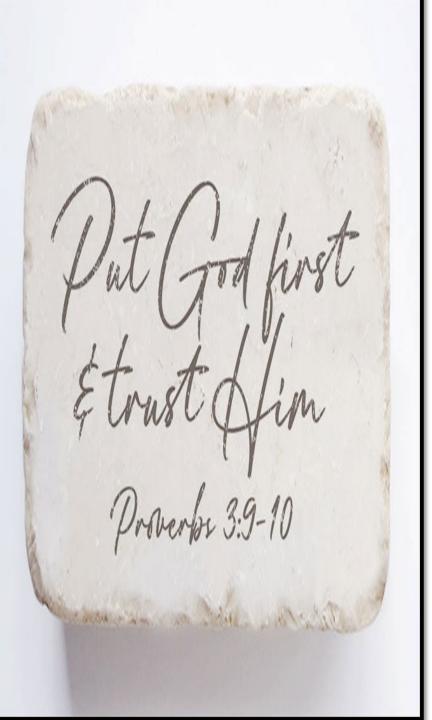
Numbers 18:12-13 (ESV)

12 All the best of the oil and all the best of the wine and of the grain, **THE FIRSTFRUITS OF WHAT THEY GIVE TO THE LORD**, I give to you.

13 **The first ripe fruits of all that is in their land**, which they bring to the Lord, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

#### Genesis 4:3-5 (NLT)

3 When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought a gift— THE BEST OF THE FIRSTBORN LAMBS FROM HIS FLOCK. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, 5 but he did not accept Cain and his gift.



# Day Thirteen Prayer

God, I Thank You For What I Have To Give God, I Thank You For Supplying All My Needs God, I Thank You For Giving Me The Heart To Give God, I Thank You For Instructing Me On How To Give...

God, I Ask For The Discipline To Make You My Priority God, I Ask For The Discipline To Set Aside What Is Yours God, I Ask For The Discipline To Give You The First of My Day God, I Ask For The Discipline To Give You The First Of My Money God, I Will Not Compromise What Belongs To You God, I Know That If I Honor You With My First You Will Provide Increase Beyond Measure... I Vow To Give As An Expression Of My Gratitude In Jesus Name....

Amen