

Understanding The Principles of First Fruits

Honoring God with our increase



Proverbs 3:9-10:

"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."

Key Message: God is honored when He is *first*, not when He is *leftover*. Honor God with your increase —your income and your ideas. Give God your time and watch Him command your direction.

Main Points

(1) First Fruits are about priority, not amount.

(A) God doesn't need our harvest; He wants our Heart. Our first portion says, "Lord, you are our source and savior." In ancient Israel, the first bundle of grain was offered before the rest was even harvested.

(B) It proves total trust in God as redeemer and sustainer.

(2) First Fruits activates the principle of divine order.

(A) When God is first, everything else falls in place. *Matthew 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom.*

(B) When God is first financially, He releases alignment in the rest of your life. Be careful asking God to bless your finances when in reality, he comes last in your finances.

(3) First Fruits is an invitation for overflowing blessings. Proverbs 3:10 Your barns will be filled. This is a covenant of abundance.

(A) God will provide direction.

(B) God will open unusual doors.

(C) God declares favor on your life. Supernatural provisions are assigned to you.

Next Steps

Consider how you can apply the principle of First Fruits in your life, whether it's through your finances, time, or talents. Reflect on what it means to truly put God first and trust in His provision. Seek guidance through prayer, scripture, and wise counsel.

Giving Prayer: Gracious and Holy God we are thankful that we are able to give generously back to you. You are boundless in your generosity towards us. Accept our financial gifts and the gifts of our lives to expand your kingdom. Bless this offering as we express our faith in you. Amen