



The Blessed Life
“The Principle of First” — Part 2
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1. The principle of _____

Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 34:14 “Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”

When God _____ first, everything in your life will come _____ order. When God is _____ first, everything will be _____ of order.

2. The firstborn must be _____ or _____

Exodus 13:1-2 “The Lord said to Moses,² “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

Exodus 13:12-13 “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.¹³ Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.”

If it is _____, it must be sacrificed. If it is _____, it must be redeemed.

Everything in the Bible points to _____.

You give the first, _____!

3. The first fruits must be _____

Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase;¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”

Exodus 23:19a NKJV “The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.”

You can't give what doesn't _____ to you. You can only bring it or steal it.

Jesus says “You ought to tithe...” Mathew 23:23

The Principle of First is _____ about _____, it is about _____ God _____ in your life.

4. The _____ of the Principle of First

Genesis 4:2b-5 “Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.³ And **in the process of time** it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord.⁴ Abel also brought of the **firstborn** of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering,⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”

Your first belongs to _____. God will only bless the first.

Leviticus 27:30 NKJV “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.”

Malachi 3:10-12 “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.¹¹ “And **I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes**, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts;¹² “And all nations will call you **blessed**, for you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.”

God can do more with the 90% that _____ His blessing on it, than you can do with the whole 100% _____ His blessing.

Put God _____.