

# FROSTBERRIES



# FIRST FRUITS

PURPOSE LIFE CHURCH

## WHY..

- GIVING FIRSTFRUITS MAKES A DECLARATION THAT MORE IS ON THE WAY
- GIVING FIRSTFRUITS HONORS GOD BY DECLARING THAT HE IS IN CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE
- GIVING FIRSTFRUITS REINFORCES OUR DESIRE TO KEEP GOD FIRST

## WHAT..

- GIVING FIRSTFRUITS UNLEASHES THE POWER OF GOD ON YOUR FINANCES
- GIVING FIRSTFRUITS OPENS THE DOOR OF HEAVEN SO GOD CAN POUR HIS BLESSINGS UPON THE BLESSINGS
- GIVING FIRSTFRUITS PREPARES THE WAY TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

## WHERE..

- IN PRAYER, GIVE GOD YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS EVERY MORNING
- IN FRIENDSHIPS, FAMILY OR RELATIONSHIPS MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD FIRST AND FOREMOST
- IN PLANNING, SUBMIT YOUR PLANS TO HIM BEFORE MAJOR DECISIONS
- IN PURPOSE, ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY GOAL OF IS FOR GODS GLORY AND NOT YOURS

WHAT IS

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THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE WE DISCOVER THAT GOD PLACES THE UTMOST PRIORITY ON "THE FIRST". THE BIBLE REFERENCES FIRST FRUITS OR FIRST THINGS NO LESS THAN 32 TIMES.

SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE; **"HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH, WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL YOUR INCREASE"** (PROVERBS 3:9)... **IN GENESIS CHAPTER 4,** SCRIPTURE RECORDS GOD'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO ABEL'S OFFERING OF HIS FIRSTBORN LAMB AND HIS DIFFERING RESPONSE TO CAIN'S OFFERING. **OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES** PLACE EMPHASIS AND WORTH ON THE FIRST SON, HARVEST OR LAMB. **MATTHEW 6:33 TELLS US** THAT WE SHOULD *SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD FIRST* AND THEN ALL OF OUR OTHER PROMISES/DESIRES AND NEEDS WILL BE MET. **PAUL, IN HIS WRITINGS** TO THE CHURCH IN ROME (ROMANS 11:16) WRITES THAT *IF THE FIRSTFRUIT BE HOLY* (REFERENCING JESUS) *THEN THE WHOLE LUMP IS HOLY.*

YOU SEE, FIRSTFRUITS REFERS TO THE FIRST PORTION OF ONES HARVEST/INCREASE, THAT IS THEN PRESENTED TO GOD.

# HOW TO GIVE YOUR FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

*"IF THE PART OF THE DOUGH OFFERED AS FIRSTFRUITS IS HOLY, THEN THE WHOLE BATCH IS HOLY; IF THE ROOT IS HOLY, SO ARE THE BRANCHES."* – ROMANS 11:16

HERE ARE A FEW STEPS THAT CAN HELP YOU GET STARTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION:

## STEP I

**PRAY:** IF YOUR GOAL IS OBEDIENCE TO GOD, IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT YOU WOULD FIRST GO TO HIM IN PRAYER. ASK HIM WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WITH YOUR MONEY AND RESOURCES. LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS.

## STEP II

**PREPARE:** GOD CALLS US TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE BLESSINGS HE GIVES US. THAT MEANS KNOWING WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO GIVE AND WHEN. HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE FOR YOUR OFFERING. APPROACH EACH HARVEST TIME WITH AN OPEN MIND AND A GENEROUS HEART.

## STEP III

**PRIORITIZE:** THE WHOLE IDEA BEHIND A FIRST FRUIT GIFT IS TO PUT GOD FIRST. SOME PRACTICAL EXAMPLES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- FIRST CHECK FROM A NEW JOB
  - FIRST PAYCHECK OF THE YEAR
  - FIRST SALE MADE FROM A NEW BUSINESS
- JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE PRIORITIZING GOD IN YOUR FINANCES.

## STEP IV

**PARTICIPATE:** THIS YEAR OUR FIRSTFRUITS SUNDAY IS **MARCH 1ST** AND IS A DAY DEVOTED TO BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP. IT IS NOT A FUNDRAISING EVENT, OR A WAY TO MEET BUDGETARY GOALS YET AS WE ARE ENDING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR; AS A CHURCH WE MADE THIS COMMITMENT TO PRESENT OUR FIRSTFRUITS TO GOD.

## GIVE

1. AFTER *PRAYING, PREPARING AND PRIORITIZING*; USE THE FOLLOWING SIDE OF THIS COMMITMENT CARD TO MAKE A PERSONAL DECLARATION AND PERSONAL PRAYER
2. BRING IN YOUR FIRSTFRUIT OFFERING ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 1ST** (YOU CAN ALSO GIVE VIA THE MOBILE APP, TEXT OR WEBSITE)

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1. I/WE SHARE IN THE VISION THAT GOD HAS GIVEN **PURPOSE LIFE** FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES IN THE NYC REGION AND BEYOND.

2. I/WE HAVE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERED THE LEVEL OF GENEROSITY THAT GOD DESIRES

3. I/WE WITH ANTICIPATION, AND NOT OBLIGATION, HONOR GOD WITH OUR FIRST AND TRUST HIM FOR THE REST

OUR PERSONAL PRAYER OF DECLARATION

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