



Message-based Study

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Message: First Fruits

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Connection

If you had to pick one, are you a fruit or vegetable person?

Content

“A First Fruit offering is going to open the door to greater trust in your life in the Lord ”

What do you think or feel when you read that statement?

First Fruits and Tithing

1. First fruits can be defined as giving the first of what you produce in faith and to honor God, rather than giving your leftovers.

Read Numbers 15:21 and Leviticus 23:10, what do these passages say about “first fruits”? How does that strike you?

2. Genesis 14:20-23 is the first reference to giving our First Fruits in scripture. Matthew 22:15-22 is a famous example of Jesus speaking on the subject involving the government.

How can you set aside the part of the coin that is for the government while remembering to give your first fruits back to the One who gave everything to you?

First Fruits and Stewardship

3. Read Deuteronomy 8:18 and 1 Chronicles 29:12-14. What does it mean to be a “steward”?

Giving or tithing is returning to God what ultimately belongs to Him, just as a steward returns what isn't theirs. How in your life are you a steward for God?

First Fruits and Attitude

4. Matthew 6:24, Jesus singles out an issues that scripture has talked about since Genesis.

There is nothing like money that can grab your heart and choke it like poison ivy. How have you personally experienced this in your life or seen it happen to someone you know?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 and 2 Corinthians 8:7. Here Paul tells us, that we too should give generously, for we will reap generously.

Thinking of the examples you noted in the previous question #4, how could this principle help change these situations?

First Fruits and Blessing

6. Matthew 6:19-21 tells us to invest in something eternal. When we invest in something our heart moves towards it, and we care for it. Can you think of a time you have experienced this? Describe the experience.

Commitment

7. Read Malachi 3:10. God tells us to trust in His blessing and see His fruit. He invites us to “try” and “test” Him in our giving, and see what the result will be in our lives. Spend some time reflecting, on these words.

**TRUST
PRIORITY
OBEDIENCE
WORSHIP**

In which of these areas do you need to grow in order to take the next step in your own habits of giving?



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

This week, **Eat / Engage with another** person in your life who needs Jesus' love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S them.