



THE PRINCIPLE OF

FIRST FRUITS

WHAT IS A FIRST FRUIT?

It is the first result of something.

HOW DID IT WORK IN THE BIBLE?

In the Bible the first fruit was the first tribute that was given to God at the beginning of each yearly harvest (It is now normally practiced in January). This offering was taken to the temple **IN ADDITION TO** tithe. One of the main principles of first fruits is a declaration from the individual stating that their dependence is not only on their work, but most importantly, on God.

WHAT BENEFITS DOES IT BRING?

Both in Biblical times and today, the first fruits is a principle that brings prosperity in an overabundance to the individual that puts it into practice. When someone is faithful to God and puts Him first, all other things are added on.

YOU CAN NEVER OUT GIVE GOD! PUT IT TO THE TEST!

How can I practice this?

This is a personal decision and is by no means an obligation!

- First: You have to open your heart to be obedient and to believe (have faith) in God's provision.
- Second: You need to place your finances in order (Establish a budget), and if you are married you need to come into agreement with your spouse to make the necessary financial adjustments so that this giving can be possible.
- Third: (The action) Normally, you take the first part of your income of the year and give it completely to God. (Many people give their first check of the week, others their first bi-weekly check, and some give all checks earned the entire first month). This is completely your decision.

○ Note: Remember that if you receive additional income after your first fruit giving, your tithe on the additional income for that month is still an order. However, if you gave your entire month's earnings there would be no tithe because you gave the full 100%.

What do I do if I didn't prepare ahead of time, or the first check is already gone?

It's never too late to give a first fruit if you didn't know about the principle "on time". It is impossible to practice something that you are unaware of. Begin immediately by making the

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necessary preparations to practice this giving, in order to ensure the supernatural provision you will see this year. Once you have learned about the principle of the first fruits and have put it into practice, begin to make it a yearly tradition, and plan ahead for the following years.

Every year we receive testimonies of people that begin to practice the giving of their first fruits for the first time, and how they have seen the hand of God move in a supernatural way.

Is there a Biblical foundation that exists for this practice? The Bible is full of examples of this practice!

Principal verses:

1. **Nehemiah 10:35-39 Practice of first fruits and tithe**
2. **Proverbs 3:9-10 Honoring the Lord with the first fruits and being filled with abundance**
3. Romans 11:16 – The principle still exists in the New Testament
4. Nehemiah 12:44-47 First fruits, offerings, and tithing (three distinct things)
5. Exodus 23:16 – There was a celebration to honor it.
6. Exodus 34:22 – Every year
7. Exodus 13:1-2 It was practiced with children
8. James 1:18 – Romans 8:23 – God made us His first fruits
9. Exodus 23:19
10. Exodus 34:26
11. Leviticus 2:11-16
12. Deuteronomy 26:1-11
13. Nehemiah 13:31
14. Ezequiel 44:28-30

In this church we believe in Tithing, Offerings, and First Fruits as a fountain of blessing and prosperity. We practice these givings as an act of obedience, and feel we have an obligation to educate people about what the Bible says regarding these topics. We want everyone to have an understanding, so that they have the opportunity to walk in the overabundance of blessing as well. We have seen how God's hand is over our lives and always returns with greater blessings than we could ever give Him.

When speaking about First Fruits, we want you to know that you are still loved equally whether you decide to participate or not. WE DO NOT OBLIGATE OR REQUIRE that you give first fruits. This must come from a humble and cheerful heart. We respect you and your opinion! However, we do see this principle as being Biblical, and we believe it should be put into practice with a willing and cheerful heart. Be at peace and prepare your heart for what you wish to receive.