

Stewardship #1 Principle of Putting God First

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

Luke 12:34 NASU

34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1. Firstborn must be sacrificed or redeemed

Ex 13:1-2 NKJV

13 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."

The first belongs to God – principle throughout the Bible

First of our time, money, thoughts, finances, etc.

2. Firstfruits must be offered

Ex 23:19 NKJV

19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.

Prov 3:9-10 NKJV

9 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.

Josh 6:18-19 NKJV

18 And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19 But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord."

Gen 4:3-5 NKJV

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.

3. The tithe must be given

The Tithe belongs to God, firstborn, firstfruits

It's an unchanging principle established by an unchanging God

Lev 27:30 MKJV

30 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.

Non-Tither Actions Say...

I don't trust You

I don't believe You

I'm not grateful

I don't honor You as 1st in my life

The Tither is saying

I trust You

I believe You

I'm grateful

I honor You as my Lord

1 Cor 16:1-2 NKJV

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.