

First Things First

Who doesn't like to be first? Think about it, from winning a race, match or game to standing in line we always want to be first. First place is the place everyone wants to be in. Yet sometimes we willingly forego being first.

We do this because first place is not just the place for winners but it is the place of honor. When you have company at your house don't you offer them the first of everything? When it comes to getting in the food line who doesn't want to be first? Yet we offer our guests the first serving. We even open doors for people so they can go in first. First is a place not just for winning but it's a place of prominence and honor. Putting someone or something first in your life shows what you value.

The Bible talks a lot about giving God the First Fruits of what we have. It is not as if God needs our money. After all the Scriptures say he owns the cattle on a thousand hills. God wants what our money represents, our heart. Giving to God of the first of all we have shows our love for Him. When you give you show God has first place in your heart.

Speaking of firsts, did you know we are encouraged to give on the first day of the week? Here is what the Apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth about taking up the offering.

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income...” I Cor. 16:2.

So, today as we take up the offering, let's show that God is first in our lives by giving an offering that obeys and honors Him!