

# How to Live a First Fruits Life

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1. I offer God the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ portions of my life, not just the leftovers.

**Question:** Where do we see the principle of FIRST FRUITS in Bible?

- First Fruits of the Harvest (Ex 23:19), Firstborn Males - Clean Animals and Sons (Ex 13:2)

## YOU HAVE TO SOW TO EXPERIENCE AN OVERFLOW

**Genesis 4:1-7** "Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor."

## THE KIND OF OFFERING YOU PRESENT REFLECTS YOUR HEART

2. What Happens to My First Portion, Happens to the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 11:16:** "If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches."

- Offer God your first and your best, he will bless the rest!
- Keep the first for yourself, God will curse the rest.

3. Putting God First is a Continuous, Deliberate \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Matthew 6:33** - "Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added onto you."
- His Kingdom = God's Rule and Reign in This \_\_\_\_\_
- His Righteousness = God's Rule and Reign in Your \_\_\_\_\_

## Practical Ways to Offer God Our Best:

### My Time

1. **First Portion:** I will give God the first part of my day through prayer and worship rather than the leftover time.
2. **Sabbath Principle:** I will Give God the beginning of my week through connecting with the Church in worship, prayer, and rest.
3. **Quality Time:** I will spend quality time with Jesus. I will be attentive and focused in God's presence.

### My Talents

1. **Spiritual Gifts:** I will use the gifts God has given me not to glorify myself but to serve the church.
2. **A Spirit of Excellence:** Whatever I put my hand to, I will work with all my heart, as I am working for the Lord.

### My Resources

1. **Financial First fruits:** I will give to God's house first, before my other expenses, not from what remains.

**NEXT STEPS** Join the class today! Learn more about our church and how to get connected we through this four week class offered in Classroom 2 during the message portion of our service. Today we will be talking about the Holy Spirit and His role in our lives

**PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES IN COLOMBIA** Sign up to Pray We are gathering people to pray regularly for the Wardenaar family. For more information and to commit to pray email [julie@ntcmassena.com](mailto:julie@ntcmassena.com)

**VICTORY PRAYER** Schedule a time on ChurchCenter Find breakthrough and victory through the power of prayer.

this week...

**CROSS CURRENT** Tonight at 6pm 7th-12th graders gather weekly at the church for an evening just for them.

**MOMCO** Thursday at 10am and 6pm All moms are invited to participate in MomCo gathering both in the morning and evening.

coming up...

**TRIVIA NIGHT** Fundraiser on March 17th at 6pm Our Momentum students are hosting a St. Patrick's Day Trivia to raise money for their upcoming missions trip to Uganda. Register your team of up to 6 people for \$100/team. Dinner is included with the fun and there will also be raffles for you to bid on. Register on ChurchCenter or our website.

**VERTICAL MARRIAGE CLASS** Starts March 19th Our Marriage Matters team will be offering this 6 week class to grow with God and each other.

**WORSHIP NIGHT** March 25th at 7pm Come out on a Tuesday evening to worship our God and King.

**BRIDGE** March 27th at 6pm 5th-7th graders are invited to an evening just for them every other Thursday night at the church.

**LAST SUPPER POTLUCK** Thursday, April 17th at 6pm

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** April 18th at 7pm

**EASTER EGG HUNT** April 19th at 9am

**STORM TRIP TO COLOMBIA** July 18th-28th Join us on March 30th at 6pm to learn more and pray for our missions outreaches. In the meantime you can learn more by messaging [julie@ntcmassena.com](mailto:julie@ntcmassena.com)

Open the ChurchCenter App or scan the QR Code to register for an Upcoming Event or find a Group to Connect to.

