

Old School

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(Exodus 13:12-13) "You are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons."

(Genesis 4:2-5) "Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought 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."

First Things First

✓ **God** _____

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(Deuteronomy 6:14-15) "Do not follow other gods, the gods of the people around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God."

✓ **We put God first by giving Him the** _____

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(Deuteronomy 14:38 LB) "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first place in your life."

✓ **The first has the power to** _____.

(Proverbs 3:6-10) "In all your ways acknowledge him...Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

What will I do?

✓ **Do what I** _____.

(Malachi 3:9-10) "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

(1 Corinthians 16:1-2) "Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatians churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."

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(2 Corinthians 9:10-11) "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

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