

OPEN HEAVENS & SUPER SE

I. A Renewed Mind or a Poverty Spirit

God's goal that our souls prosper. What does that mean?

It means our personalities are suited for the blessings of God. It's a wholesome way of thinking and a way of feeling about life, health, money, ... You name it! It is Kingdom Thinking! It reflects **Who** He Is and **How** He Is.

3 John 2 NAS Beloved, I pray that *in all respects* you may prosper and be in *good health*, just as your soul prospers.

II. Blessings of First Fruits

A. Your Last can be your First. Widow and Elijah

B. Firstfruits is Causes a Blessing that Remains

Ezek 44:30 NKJ The best of all firstfruits of any kind, ... shall be the priest's; also you shall give to the priest the first of your ground meal, **to cause a blessing to rest on your house.**

C. The Prophetic Opportunity

The tithe is what we give after the harvest, the first fruits is what we give before.

III. Principles and Patterns

A. First Fruits is a **Pattern** not Law.

Simply, we honor the Lord with the **first** and the **best** and the **whole** is blessed.

A Pattern reveals how the Lord works, it is a revelation of **His ways.**

B. The Function of First Fruits

1. Through Firstfruits we sanctify our **whole** life and **all** we love.

Rom 11:16 NIV If the part of the dough offered as **firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy**; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

When something is **sanctified** to the Lord, He **treats it as His own**. It is kept, blessed, increased and enlarged to great capacities.

2. Firstfruits Principle in New Testament:

1 Cor 15:20 NKJ But **now Christ** is risen from the dead, and **has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**.

James 1:18 NKJ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that **we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures**.

3. Firstfruits Makes Your Voice Heard

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. ... And **by faith he still speaks**, even though he is dead.

4. Generosity is Readout of Love Quality

2 Cor 8:8-9 I am not commanding you, but ***I want to test the sincerity of your love*** by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

C. Giving Connects Us to that which is Beyond

We Give According to What We Have. In offerings give part of ourselves— our offerings **take us beyond** our present situation.

2 Cor 8:12 NIV For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to **what one has**, not according to **what he does not have**.

IV. GM Seeds (God-Mandated)

A seed an embryonic information capsule, carrying all the instructions needed for increase and multiplication. A seed is alive and packed with limitless potential.

Seeds are “future containers” holding God’s blueprint for future generations.

A. Part of the **Time Structure** of creation!

Gen 8:22 “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat, Winter and summer,
And day and night Shall not cease.” **NKJV**

B. God's Eternal **Purposes** are in seeds of **joy!** “*Yitzhak*”

Gen 21:12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight ...; for **in Isaac your seed shall be called.**
NKJV

The seed of **JOYFUL, CRAZY LAUGHTER** blesses all the nations on Earth.

Gen 26:4... **in your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; **NKJV**

C. **Children are seeds.** The Creator Himself became a seed of His creation and as a seed broke the bondage of decay and released the power of an endless life!

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and **her Seed**;....” **NKJV**

D. **Words are Seeds**, containing a potential future. Every word contains in a future reality in an immature form:

Luke 8:11 “Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.** **NKJV**

- E. **Offerings are Seeds**, containing a potential future. Every offering contains in a future reality in an immature form. It releases the creative activity of God:

V. The Importance of Sowing!

Sowing seed is the response of faith to God's SOVEREIGN purposes. As seed sowers, we participate in filling the earth with the **glory** of the Lord, the **knowledge** of the Lord and the **joy** of the Lord!

We have a different sense of time and timing than the world, because we see and participate in a superior reality.

Gen 26:12 Then Isaac **sowed** in that land, and **reaped** in the same year a **hundredfold**; and the LORD blessed him. **13** The man began to **prosper**, and **continued prospering** until he became **very prosperous**; **NKJV**

2 Cor 9:6 But this I say: He who **sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and he who **sows bountifully** will also **reap bountifully**. **7** So **let each one give** as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver**. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

10 Now may He who supplies **seed to the sower**, and **bread for food**, supply and **multiply** the **seed you have sown** and increase the fruits (NIV—harvest) of your righteousness, **NKJV**

11 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. **NIV**

FIRST FRUIT INSTRUCTIONS— GET YOUR OFFERING READY.

Principle 1: Firstfruits make it all holy

Practical Steps

RELEASING THE BLESSING— Charles & Anne