

First Fruits Sunday 2020

Bryan - Testimony?

How Pledges Work Next 2 Weeks, we will Receive & Pray

Target Harvests Push Pay for Online Giving

REVIEW: Our Father DELIGHTS in your success!

I. Principles

Firstfruits at the Beginning (Tithe *after* the Harvest) [slide 1]

1. Firstfruits *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.

<outside the natural order, separate from ordinary>

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

2. *Pattern not Legalism* - FF will CAUSE a blessing to ABIDE.

Simply, we honor the Lord with the **first** and the **best** and the whole or the rest is blessed. A Pattern reveals how the Lord works, it is a revelation of **His ways**. **[slide 2]**

Ezek 44:30 NKJ The best of all firstfruits of any kind...; you shall give..., **to cause a blessing* to rest on your house**. (*to settle, find a resting place*) **imparted favor and protection* **[slide 3]**

3. *Planting Seeds for Future Harvest* **[slides 4]**

A seed is alive and packed with almost limitless potential. They contain instructions for the future. They are embryonic information capsules.

2 Cor 9:6 ESV The point is this: Whoever **sows** sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows **bountifully*** will also reap **bountifully.*** 7 Each one must **give** as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.** *blessings [slide 5]

The seed we sow connects our lives to the soil of God's Promises

The **life in the seed** captures the **power** of the Sun, transforming dirt, water and air into food, into clothing, housing & fuel!

Reverently, we hold up the beautiful seed we are about to sow in good ground. The kernels glow with an inner light, squirming in our hands as if they are charged with life, awakened, ready to transform into harvest! [slide 6]

Inside an apple seed is a tree that gives for years and year!

Abraham's seed was in Isaac — *Yitzhak* — miracle laughter.

4. GENEROSITY ACTIVATES A **RECIPROCAL, ENERGIZED & PROPORTIONAL** DIVINE RESPONSE [slide 7]

Luke 6:38 NKJ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the **same measure** that you use, it will be **measured back** to you."

5. Releases an **OVERFLOW** of God's Ability [slide 8]

2 Cor 9:8 NKJ 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.** *autarkeia

God works with what we have! Don't let what you don't have overrule what you do have! Mustard Seed [slide 9 & 10]

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Be thankful and begin to use what you do have!

II. 4 Keys to First Fruits:

1. Cyclical — Annual basis or at the beginning of a new endeavor.

2. In Faith —

Comfort— you just do it, in the budget, etc.

Faith— responding to that which is beyond our ability. We increase our “measure”

Presumption— trying to manipulate God

3. Sacrificial — if it doesn't move you, it probably won't move God.

4. Focused — List the “crops” you are planting for breakthrough.

Reflects the godly passions of your heart

Based on God's Word.

Decree, Stand.

You will reap if you don't faint. You have seed in the ground!

This is a time to sow, a time to consecrate the dreams for our lives and the promises of God we hold in our hearts.

III. Action:

1. God's Direction (desire discipline delight)

2. Target a Harvest (Gates held by the enemy)

3. Set an amount, or ask for one.
4. Write a check or a pledge (next two months)

No Fear — Refunds for 2 weeks!

Anne Joins Me on Stage — Declaration

Call the Servants Forward:

Bless the ONLINE givers:

"May the Lord give rain for your seed which you sow today. May He increase you many times over and bless you as He has promised."

Call People Forward

At Conclusion, STACK the BASKETS

Consecrate & Bless the Seed, and the People

Dismiss with Aaronic Blessing

BLESSING DECLARATION

God's Word Declares that as you bring His tithes and your offerings into the storehouse that He will open up the floodgates of Heaven and pour out blessings that overflow. Because of these, God promises to rebuke the devourer and protect the fruit of your labor from destruction.

Because of the Cross and because of your faith in the Blood of Jesus, you are the children of Abraham and the Blessed of the Lord! You shall go out with JOY and be led forth with PEACE.

Therefore, I boldly declare amazing financial blessings on you and your household. God will open doors and speak to the right people about you! I call in better jobs, housing, scholarships and more. I bless you with breakthrough and command so that which has been restricted by legal matters and strife to flow freely so that you enjoy what God has intended for you all along.

I call back to your homes, wallets and bank accounts what the enemy has stolen from you. I declare that God restores double what has been stolen or lost. I call for jubilee restoration of your rightful portion. May the Lord restore that which has been stolen from your family line over the centuries—with interest!

I declare blessings on those who work in sales & consulting — that more and bigger sales, commissions, and deals be attracted to you.

For all of you, I declare that opportunities for advancement will come.

Because our Father delights to surprise His children, I declare that the Lord will cause you to unexpectedly find money, receive checks in the mail and that opportunities to prosper will find you!

For every entrepreneur and business owner — May your businesses become so prosperous that you bless your employees with raises and better benefits! I speak blessings on your plans and call for astounding profits

I call for such a spirit of abundance to come upon this people that God miraculously brings you out of debt, and that you are released from the stress and burden of debt. I release wisdom so that you may come into a new peace and new reality of financial freedom and God's provision, so that you and your house may serve the Lord in newness of joy.

May you and your household enjoy exceedingly abundant, above and beyond favor and increase in your lives and may you give the way you have always wanted to give!

Life Center, I bless you in Jesus' Name as you come, bringing your gifts to God!