

First Fruits Sunday

Pledges Next Few Weeks, we will Receive & Pray

Pastors Pray over all the holy sacrifices

There are so many testimonies of miracles and life changing provision attached to these FF Sundays! [\[Muñiz Video\]](#)

Abba DELIGHTS in your success! designs pathways to partner

I. Principles — Connecting with God's Heart of Overflow

Firstfruits signify a Beginning (Tithe *after*) [\[slide 1\]](#)

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 - Releases a blessing that REMAIN.

Simply, we honor the Lord with the **first** and the **best** and the whole or the rest is blessed. A Pattern 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 [\[slide 4\]](#)

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**

A **living blueprint** in the seed captures the **power** of the Sun, transforming dirt, water & air into food, into clothing, housing & fuel!

We sow with Faith and Joy—

Reverently, we hold up the beautiful seed we are about to sow in good ground. [slide 6]

The kernels glow with an inner light, subtly squirming in our hands.

They are charged with life.

When sown, they awaken, ready to transform into a new wave of harvest!

Inside an apple seed are instructions for a tree that gives for many years!

Abraham's seed was in Isaac — **Yitzhak**—laughter becomes **LEGACY.** Both Sarah & Abraham laughed at the impossibility.

4,000 years later — LEGACY [slide 7]

4. **GENEROSITY** Releases an **Living**, **RECIPROCAL & PRO-PORTIONAL** DIVINE RESPONSE [slide 8]

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. Invites an **OVERFLOW** of God's Ability [slide 9]

2 Cor 9:8 And **God is able** to make *all grace* **abound** to **you**, so that having all **sufficiency*** in all things at all times, **you** may **abound in 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.**

[slides 10 &11] **SUPER SEEDS**

SEQUOIA

With **gratitude** *begin to utilize* what you **do** have!

II. 4 Keys to First Fruits:

1. **Cyclical** —Annual basis or at the beginning of a new endeavor. [slide 12]
2. **In Faith** — [slide 13]
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** — Costly obedience that moves us moves God [slide 14]
2 Sam 24:24 "...I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing."
4. **Focused** — **List the "crops"** you are planting for breakthrough. [slide 15]
Reflects the godly passions of your heart

Aligned with God's Word.

Decree, Stand.

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

A **kairos 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. Consecrate a Harvest (Gates held by the enemy)
3. Set an amount, or ask for one.

Write a check or a pledge (next two months)

No Fear — Refunds for 2 months!

Sequoia seeds!

Anne joins me — Declaration

Bless the ONLINE givers: Pushpay Category

"May the Lord send rain at the right time for your seed which you sow today. May He increase you many times over and bless you many times beyond your expectation as He has promised."

Call People Forward — Bryan

Consecration of the Seed, and the People

Dismiss with Aaronic Blessing