



Brief Explanation of the First Fruit Offering

Did you know that God has established a system for us where our money is spiritually blessed and protected? It's true! The amazing part is that God has provided a way for us to move our money from the world's cursed system into the blessed system of the Kingdom of God. The question is: how do we do that?

Source of Money

First, we need to acknowledge that money itself does not come from heaven. It was created here on earth, not in heaven. God is not going to simply drop money into our laps while we sit on the couch. Instead, He uses natural means to provide for us. This means that the money we hope for will typically come through someone or something connected to us.

God performs supernatural actions in the spiritual realm to influence the natural realm on our behalf. **Deuteronomy 8:18** **"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.**

Whether it is opportunities, wisdom, favor, seed etc. God will provide power (ability) to get wealth if we are willing to work by His principles.

Understanding this verse is one of the major keys to wealth, financial as well as wealth in other areas of life.

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 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. 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

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 of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Those without spiritual understanding might interpret this as mere coincidence or luck, but this is often how God works, especially regarding provision.

Once the money or provision is rightfully ours and in our possession, how can we ensure that it is transferred into the Kingdom system and removed from the world's corruption?

God provides ways for us to transfer money from the world's cursed system into the Kingdom of God. Since God doesn't print money, we may wonder how financial resources exist in the Kingdom of God. It turns out there are other ways to move our money into the Kingdom system; it is done through regular tithe, offerings, and special Firstfruit offerings.

Tithe is 10% of your financial income that God has blessed you with.

Offering any amount of money above your regular tithe of 10%, you offer it to God.

Then there are Firstfruit offerings.

First Fruits Offering

Firstfruit is mentioned 31 times throughout the Bible, appearing in both the Old and New Testaments in relation to both spiritual and physical offerings.

The Bible states in **Romans 11:16**, "**For if the Firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.**"

In this passage, Paul discusses how Gentiles are grafted into Abraham's lineage by faith, making them heirs of his promises and blessings. He connects the Old Testament concept of Firstfruits to the New Covenant.

But often, as the bible does, it gives a natural example of a kingdom principle: "**For if the first is holy, the lump is also holy**".

The Firstfruit offerings will continue during the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ. People will be instructed to present their Firstfruit offerings at the new temple in Jerusalem. These offerings will be given to the priests, who will then pronounce blessings upon the homes of those who contribute their Firstfruit offerings.

Ezekiel 44:28-31 "It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, that I am their inheritance. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession. 29 They shall eat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering; every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30 The best of all Firstfruits of any kind, and every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifices, 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.

The Firstfruit of our money represents a tangible offering. This concept is honorable and holy to God. By offering the first portion of our increase to God as a Firstfruit offering, we move the entire amount/increase out of the world's cursed system and into the Kingdom of God for as long as it continues.

Once we designate a portion of our increase as holy by offering it to God, we have effectively made the entire increase holy.

It's essential to remember that the Firstfruit offering is done only once with the first part of the increase.

God's Promise for the First Fruits

The Firstfruit offering not only transfers the entire increase we receive into the blessings of the Kingdom of God, but it also comes with an important promise:

Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the Firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine." —

This shows that Firstfruit still applies to us today.

Two Ways to Give Firstfruits Offerings

We encourage people to give Firstfruit offerings in two primary ways:

1. ****Offer the Increase****: Firstfruit are an offering to God of the increase in income that we receive. It's important to note that we are referring to the increase in income, not the overall amount. Specifically, Firstfruit offerings are the first portion of that increase.
2. ****Start the Year Strong****: We also encourage people to give a first-of-the-year Firstfruit increase offering during the month of January as a special seed of expectation for the entire year.

The motivation for Firstfruit offerings is that they are free-will offerings given out of generosity. They demonstrate that we are not in love with money and that we are grateful to God as the ultimate source of our continual increase through the year.