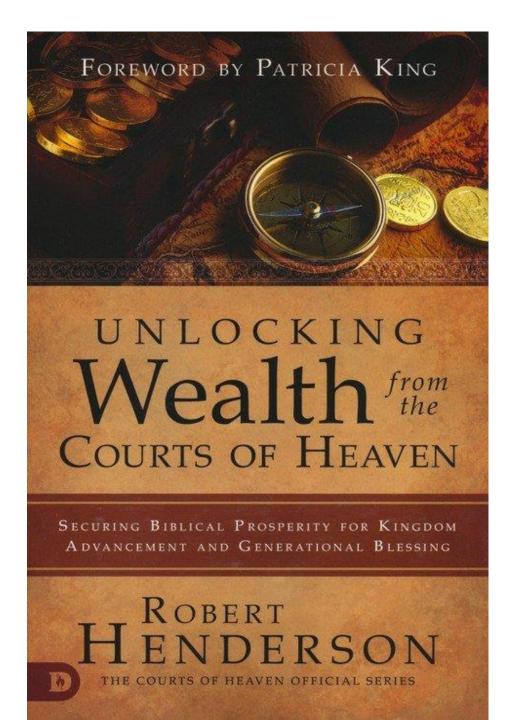


LIVING IN PROSPERITY NOT POVERTY

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GOD'S KEYS TO PROSPERITY



- **Second Corinthians 8:9**: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes, he became poor, that you through his poverty **might become rich**.
- 3 John 1:2: Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
- **Proverbs 11: 24–25**: There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who **withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty**. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.
- Second Corinthians 9: 6–7: But this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; God loves a cheerful giver.
- **Psalm 126:6**: He who continually goes for weeping, bearing **seed for sowing**, shall **doubtless come again with rejoicing**, bringing his sheaves with him.
- Luke 6:38: Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, press 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.
- Luke 16:10-12: He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful in unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful and what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?



FIRST FRUITS AND TITHES ARE SEPARATE OFFERINGS

- The First Fruits and the tithes were two separate offerings because they went to two separate people. The high priest, Aaron got the First Fruits while the Levi got the tithe. The tithe, or 10% of our income, is what we bring to the Lord Jesus, as our High Priest, after our harvest. First Fruits are what we bring to the Lord before our harvest. These are two distinct offerings as seen in Numbers 18 and Nehemiah 10. Numbers 18:12 tells us that the First Fruits, and the first portion of all things were given to Aaron as the high priest:
 - "and the best of the oil all the best of the new wine and the grain, their First Fruits, which they offer to the Lord, I have given them to you."
- The First Fruits portion was designated to belong to the high priest, for his service to the Lord, and his people. The tithe went to the Levitical tribe who were appointed to serve with Aaron as the high priest and take care of the dwelling of God or the tabernacle/ Temple.

 Numbers 18:21 tell us this:
 - "I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work, which they perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting."
- The high priest in the old Testament is a shadow of the apostle in the new testament as shown in Hebrews 3:1:



PURPOSE OF FIRST FRUITS



- Therefore the high priest in the Old Testament is the apostle in the New Testament and God's command is to bring the First Fruits to the high priest/Apostle, so that through honor, they could join, connect and align with this authority He has appointed. Likewise, when the tithe is brought to honor the Levites honoring those who have been appointed to honor, guard, care and keep the House of God.
 - Nehemiah 10:37: To bring the First Fruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of tree, the new wine and oil, to the priest, to the storeroom of the house of our God; and to bring the ties of our land to the Levites, for the Levi should receive top the tithes and all are farming communities
- As stated in Leviticus 2:14-16, The first portion of the harvest that began to ripen would be
 offered as a memorial portion to the Lord a handful was burnt before the Lord that created a
 memorial that spoke for before the Lord on behalf of the one that brought the offering.





BENEFITS OF FIRST FRUITS: 1st

• As the **first fruit spoke before the Lord, it promised certain benefits** to the one who honored God with it. **Romans 11:16** states that the First Fruits offering **causes the whole or the lump to be holy to the Lord. Paul is speaking this in regards to Israel and its place in the economy of God. Israel is the First Fruits of God.** We as the Christian church grew out of this root and are holy because we come from a holy root.

That is why First Fruits is so powerful. God does ask to be honored with the first.

- When I take the first and best portion of something and offer it to the Lord, the whole it came from is now dedicated to God as stated in Ezekiel 44:30:
 - "the best of all First Fruits of any kind, 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.**
- This means that nothing else can produce what First Fruits can produce. Only when we honor the Lord with First Fruits and the best from our house is this caused. When we operate in First Fruits, we inaugurate something into operation. Something in the unseen realm begins to move on our behalf. This is the power of First Fruits, it also states that the blessing comes to rest. It means it comes to stay.



BENEFITS OF FIRST FRUITS: 2nd and 3rd

- The second thing that scripture declares about First Fruits is that the blessing comes to rest or stay. Many people today are set with a sick heart. Proverbs 13:12: Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.
- The Lord is promising that through First Fruits, we can see something come and stay and not depart. It will last and be maintained on our life. The blessing will come to live with us and produce the goodness of God in our life.
- The third significant thing that scripture states about First Fruits is that the blessing is on our house. The house is our family and lineage. God is promising that operating First Fruits causes the lasting blessing to flow over our marriages, children, grandchildren and generations to come.
- When we function in First Fruits, it is recorded in heaven and speaks for us in our generations to come the blessings of God over all that is dear to us. This is actually what the widow of Zarephath did when she gave her last bread to the prophet Elijah in First Kings 17:12-15. As a result of her willingness to hear the Lord and give, she and her family survived the famine and knew the goodness of God. The prophet tells her: "take your last, turn it into your first and get a miracle."
- Proverbs 3:9-10 shows a direct connection between First Fruits and prosperity:
 - Honor the Lord with your substance and with the First Fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. When we step into the realm of First Fruits and honor God, it produces new levels of prosperity, even for our businesses.



THE LORD'S FIRST FRUITS BLESSING

- God is promising his children that when they operate in this principal, it will speak before him and allow blessings to flow over them as stated in Deuteronomy 26:15–19.
- Look down from Your holy habitation from heaven and bless Your people, Israel, and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey". This day, the Lord, Your God commands you to observe the statues and judgments; therefore, you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart, and with all your soul. Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be his special people, just as He promised you that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.



DECLARATION OVER FIRST FRUITS OFFERING:

• Lord, as I bring my First Fruits before you, I ask that it would speak on my behalf and cause You to remember me. This which my offering is speaking – cause it to allow a blessing to rest on my house. Arise and defend me, Lord, on the basis of this, which my First Fruits is saying. I thank You that my house, business, ministry, and all aspects of my life are now given to You through my First Fruits offering. I thank You that You now treat it as belonging to You because they have been given to You through First Fruits. Thank you, Lord according to Your word, my barns are filled with plenty and my vats overflow with new wine. Prosperity is unlocked for me because of my First Fruits offered before You in Jesus name Amen