



Pastor's Comments

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Is God First?

God requires that we put Him **first** in our lives. The first commandment states, *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me"* (Ex. 20:3). We need to ask ourselves, "What evidence is there that I am honoring God as **first** in my life?"

Do I honor Him **first** in my **day**?
Do I recognize Him **first** thing in the morning by speaking to Him in prayer and by honoring Him in listening to Him speak to me through His word?

Do I honor Him **first** in my **week**?
Do I make it a priority to seek and worship Him with other believers as commanded in Heb. 10:25 *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" on "the **first** day of the week"* (John 20:19, Acts 20:7)?

Do I honor Him **first** in my **finances**? God has made it clear that a tenth of our income belongs to Him, **"And all the tithe...is the Lord's"** (Lev. 27:30). God commands us to tithe as an acknowledgement that everything we have comes from and belongs to Him, *"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase...that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always"* (Deut. 4:22-23). Interestingly, God places an emphasis on paying to Him the **first** of our income as a tangible evidence that we are putting Him **first** in our lives, *"The **first** of the **first** fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD"* (Ex. 23:19). *"Upon the **first** day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him"* (1 Cor. 16:2).

When we put Him **first**, God promises to bless us. *"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the **first** fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty"* (Pro. 3:9-10). *"Seek ye **first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matt. 6:33).

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