



# The Notes

## THANKS+GIVING

*The Benefits of God-First Giving*

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*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Matthew 6:33** (NIV)

## WHEN GOD IS FIRST...

### 1. WE PROVE HIS PROTECTION

*“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.*

**Malachi 3:8-9** (NKJV)

*“The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.”*

**Exodus 23:19** (NKJV)

1.

*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.*

**Proverbs 3:9-10** (NKJV)

*For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also  
holy; and if the root is holy, so are the  
branches.*

**Romans 11:16** (NKJV)

*Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out  
bread and wine; he was the priest of God  
Most High. And he blessed him and said:  
“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and earth; And  
blessed be God Most High, Who has  
delivered your enemies into your hand.” And  
he gave him a tithe of all.*

**GENESIS 14:18-20** (NKJV)

*Now concerning the collection for the saints,  
as I have given orders to the churches of  
Galatia, so you must do also: On the first  
day of the week let each one of you lay  
something aside, storing up as he may  
prosper, (The New Living Translation says,  
“In relation to what you have earned.”) that  
there be no collections when I come.*

**1 Corinthians 16:1-2** (NKJV)

*“And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”*

**Genesis 4:3-5** (NKJV)

*“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”*

**Matthew 23:23** (NIV)

**WHEN GOD IS FIRST...**

## **2. WE PROVE HIS PROVISION**

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the LORD of hosts.*

**Malachi 3:10-11** (NKJV)

**3.**

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

**Luke 6:38** (NIV)

**(FINAL THOUGHT)**

**THERE IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE  
POWERFUL THAN A DECISION TO GIVE,  
AND THAT IS YOUR DECISION TO  
BECOME A GIVER!**

*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Philippians 4:19-20** (NKJV)