



**Increase
our
Standard
of
Giving**

*Purposeful
Giving 03*

“Standard”

*Level of quality, that is
considered acceptable or
desirable.*

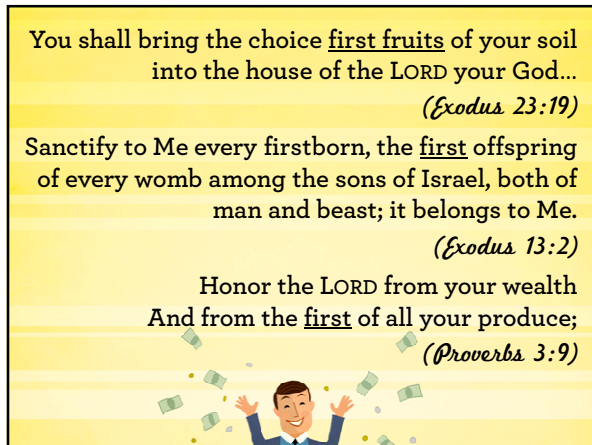
(Merriam Webster)



You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil
into the house of the LORD your God...
(Exodus 23:19)

Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring
of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of
man and beast; it belongs to Me.
(Exodus 13:2)

Honor the LORD from your wealth
And from the first of all your produce;
(Proverbs 3:9)



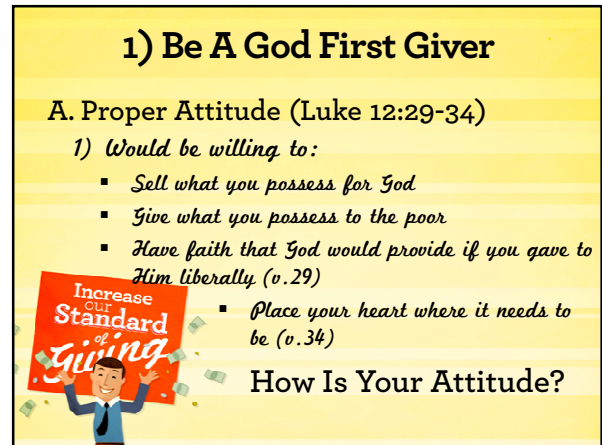
1) Be A God First Giver

A. Proper Attitude (Luke 12:29-34)

1) *Would be willing to:*

- *Sell what you possess for God*
- *Give what you possess to the poor*
- *Have faith that God would provide if you gave to Him liberally. (v.29)*
- *Place your heart where it needs to be (v.34)*

How Is Your Attitude?



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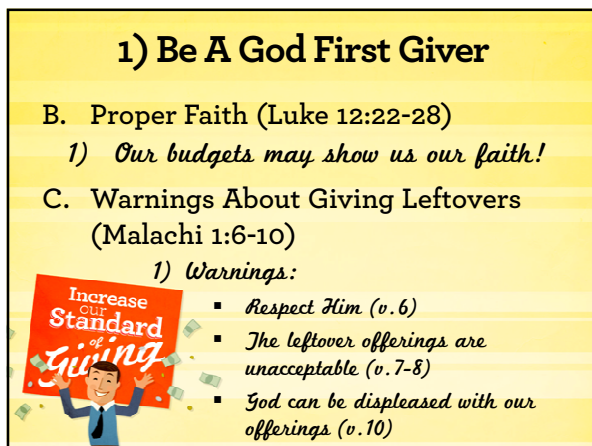
B. Proper Faith (Luke 12:22-28)

1) *Our budgets may show us our faith!*

C. Warnings About Giving Leftovers (Malachi 1:6-10)

1) *Warnings:*

- *Respect Him (v.6)*
- *The leftover offerings are unacceptable (v.7-8)*
- *God can be displeased with our offerings (v.10)*



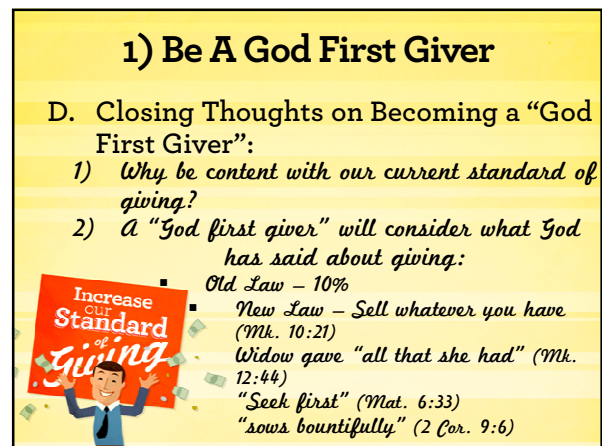
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D. Closing Thoughts on Becoming a “God First Giver”:

1) *Why be content with our current standard of giving?*

2) *A “God first giver” will consider what God has said about giving:*

- *Old Law – 10%*
- *New Law – Sell whatever you have (Mk. 10:21)*
- *Widow gave “all that she had” (Mk. 12:44)*
- *“Seek first” (Mat. 6:33)*
- *“sows bountifully” (2 Cor. 9:6)*



2) Purpose It In Your Heart

A. Give With A Purpose

1) 2 Corinthians 9:7

- "purpose" - the reason why something is done; the aim or goal of a person. (Merriam Webster)

2) 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

- "prosper" - to achieve economic success; (MW)

3) Give a *purposed* percentage (16:2)



3) Replace Fear With Faith

A. Arguments For Not Giving A Certain Purposed Percentage:

- 1) *Finances can be unpredictable*
- 2) *Giving a percentage is fiscally dangerous*
- 3) *That is too much money for the elders / preacher.*

Matthew 6:25-34



Mark 16:16

He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

(NASB)



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