

## 1) Summary

- a) **Principle of First – A covenant Issue** Matt 6:33
- Bringing the first to God, trusting Him to Bless the Rest
  - There is a reward for First
- b) **Principle of Sowing & Reaping** Gen 8:22
- God is wanting to INCREASE You – not get stuff from you Phil 4:17-19
  - God will increase us more - little by little Ps 115:14-15, Ex 23:30
- c) **Three types of financial giving** Neh 12:44
- The Tithe – 10% of your income Lev 27:30
  - Gifts & Offerings – Poor, Ministries, others Prov 19:17
  - First Fruits – When you increase, bring the first Prov 3:9-10

## 2) Practical

- a) **Giving Money**
- Use a Standing Order – monthly – helps us with budgeting & missions
  - Review the Standing Order NOW & each year
  - Gift Aid it
  - When the Lord Blesses you with increase – Give the First Fruits – Thank Lord – I trust You
- b) **Debt**
- It is not sin to be in debt, but it is not God's perfect plan for us.
    - Owe no man anything but to love him Rom 13:8
  - Scripture teaches that the borrower is subject to the lender (lender can make demands)
    - The borrower is subject to the lender Prov 22:6-7
  - God wants to deliver us from debt, so we can be a blessing, not get more stuff on debt
    - Widow's debt is paid for – Sold the oil 2 Kings 4:1
    - The borrowed axe head floats on water 2 Kings 6:5
    - Jesus paid his tax debt Matt 17:26
- c) **Pray / Speak faith over your giving**
- When you bring your gift, offering, tithe, first-fruit Deut 26:3, 13-15

## 3) Make Giving a covenant Issue

- Passover after crossing the Jordan Josh 5:10-12
- No more supernatural provision – living of Seed-time-Harvest
- Israelites enter the promised land; God says bring all the silver and gold from Jericho to Me – God wanted the First-fruits Josh 6:19
- They brought the silver and gold to the house of the Lord.
  - Our first fruit sacrifice is not ours to enjoy, benefit from
  - The rest of the cities they capture, they were able to take from the loot
  - 'Achan' stole from what was God's – and he was cursed – death