

FIRST THINGS FIRST – PART 1: PRIORITY #1

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The principle of first things first runs throughout the biblical narrative (and all of history). What we put first determines the decisions we make, which in turn determine the direction and quality of life.

READ EXODUS 13:1-16; 23:19

- How do the priorities we establish set the direction for everything that follows?
- How would you define/describe the word, consecrate?
- What does it mean to set something apart from a common use to a sacred use?
- Why might God have required the firstborn to be sacrificed or redeemed?
- What are some ways the firstborn might serve to remind us that everything from the first to the last belongs to God?
- How would you describe the difference between sacrificed and redeemed?
- What do you understand about the Jewish distinction between what was considered unclean and clean?
- Why might something unclean have to be redeemed instead of sacrificed?
- Why might it be important to provide understanding to the next generation about the principle of the first and what God had done to rescue Israel?
- What are some benefits to bringing the firstfruits of the harvest to the house of God?
- What are some ways money & stuff compete with God for the human heart?
- Why is it important to bring to God first?
- How did God demonstrate the principle of the first in sending Jesus to redeem sin?
- What next step will you take to put first things first, including God as priority #1?

FIRST THINGS FIRST PUTS THINGS IN ORDER (OR NOT)