

# THE PREPARATION

[REQUIRED STEP]

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**Step 1** Pray about allowing God to use you to do something exceeding, in your honoring the Lord. Bringing the First Fruit Offering requires an act of willing obedience.

**Step 2** Your heart issue must be settled – that through your First Fruit Offering, your love to God is expressed at the highest level.

**Step 3** To demonstrate your conviction about the vision and the First Fruit Offering, you must be willing to fill out and return your commitment card at the appropriate time. Be determined to see your commitment all the way through.

**Step 4** Bring your offering to service on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. We will waive our offering unto the Lord, pronounce the blessing over your life and pray over the offerings to accelerate the manifestation and wholeness over your life.

**PUT GOD FIRST IN EVERY AREA  
OF YOUR LIFE BY:**



**PRAYING.** Give God your first thoughts in the morning. Talk with Him before you do anything else EVERY day. Pray without ceasing for your family, for financial recovery and blessings, for healing ... for your needs. God will honor your faithfulness.

**PLANNING.** Where do you want to be 365 days from today? Getting from here to there requires a prayerful plan. Seek God's clear directive for your life, then write it down. Keep it in the front of you on a daily basis. Let it get into your spirit. See it! Believe it! Live it!

**MAKING AN OFFERING.** When you give your first fruits offering, you are planting a seed for the remainder of the year. Everything you have is a gift from God ... you have an option to keep it or to sow it for an even greater harvest. There is a greater portion that awaits you in honor of your first fruits offering!

**THE PROMISE.** There is an undeniable promise of return on all our giving. Careful study of giving a significant God honoring offering to God is that you get what others don't get. Combat the mentality of anti-sowing.

1. There is Promise of Harvest to come. (Proverbs 3:9-10)
2. There is a Pronounced Blessing of Favor. (Ezekiel 44:30)
3. God will be an Enemy Against Your Enemies. (Exodus 23:22)
4. Interest on Your Investment. (Luke 6:38)
5. Increase with the Ability to Store. (Leviticus 26:9-10)
6. Inheritance of Increase. (Genesis 17:1-7)
7. God Exalts You in Praise and Honor. (Deuteronomy 26:19)

**PREPARING YOUR GIFT.** You must decide, commit and chose to honor the Lord with the First Fruits of all your increase: so shall your barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

# 2018 FIRST FRUIT



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2018 First Fruit

Offering Campaign

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Greetings New Hope,

This is the year of "WINNING" and I declare you to be a winner in every area of your life. As we enter into this New Year, we must expect a new and bountiful harvest as we prepare and bring our First Fruit. I'm providing you this information to educate you spiritually on First Fruit Giving. I ask that you will prayerfully consider your offering to God as you read this pamphlet with understanding of Holy Spirit. Do what God has purposed in your heart as you partner and participate with me in this time of First Fruit Giving. The Bible teaches that we should give what's purposed in our heart. We purpose as we consider the scriptural perspective of giving and the situational perspective for the gift. I love you, my sons and daughters, and I thank you in advance for your obedience to God. I declare and decree a speedy and plentiful harvest.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Leaphart

### **2018 FIRST FRUIT GIVING**

#### **Isaiah 43:19 (KJV)**

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Sunday, February 25, 2017

## WHAT IS FIRST FRUITS

The wisdom that I gained from reading about First Fruit offerings in the Bible was that there were times of prepared giving. The people on all occasions had time to think about and prepare for this time of giving.



The First Fruit Offering means that what you do first will determine what happens with the rest. It is a time of acknowledgment that "God, we give this offering first, so that your blessings will rest upon the remainder," and is symbolic of our expected 2018 harvest. In our honoring God, it is recognition of the Glory of God, His wealth, and all that He possesses. Through the First Fruit Offering, we are guaranteeing and securing the best of what is to come. The First Fruit Offering is a representation of what is to come. It is the law principle of *first things first*, that produces the provisions of God's promise.

First Fruit is about the principle of order, rank and chief position of God in your life. Did you know that this single law has a fundamental impact on every area of your life? Though the farmer plants the seeds that are sown, the Harvest is totally dependent on God. The idea is, you can claim a promise of God attached to giving as long as you understand those principles and promises that are connected and they are not genie-in-a-bottle. You must trust Him in every area, "In God We Trust"; keep moving from faith to faith. There is a "first" concept, before your blessing comes. God says, "You take the first of whatever comes in your hands, the first of your harvest, whatever it is, and you bring it to the priest". (Leviticus 23:10)

### **We Must Honor God's Principle of First Fruits in 2018**

To be in alignment with what God has for us, we must start the year off as instructed – by obeying God's Holy Principle! God's Word clearly instructs us..."When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest." (Leviticus 23:10) It is to be set apart as holy unto God!

First Fruits in Hebrew is "bikkurim" and literally means "promise to come." And there is ONE who never breaks His promise - God! That is why the truth behind this "promise to come" in God's Word is so powerful. Though long overlooked by many, this divine establishment of God's order of things is actually the root that governs the rest. When you KEEP FIRST THINGS FIRST through faith and obedience, you turn God's promise into provision ... ABUNDANT PROVISION! Because He wants to see you succeed, He has put a system into place based on the principle of "First Fruits." The Bible references first fruits or first things or devoted things no less than 32 times.