

In the Beginning God  
Pray First  
January 7, 2024

- Theme: Prayer should be our FIRST RESPONSE, not our LAST RESORT.
- To pray first: - Genesis 1:1a, Genesis 4:2-5
  - ✓ GOD must be first - Exodus 20:1-3
  - ✓ We put God first by giving Him the first of EVERYTHING.
    - Leviticus 27:30, Proverbs 3:9 MSG
  - ✓ The first has the POWER to bless the REST. - Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV, Matthew 6:33
- Steps to place God first:
  - 1) Give God the first of my YEAR with prayer and fasting - Acts 10:38
    - a. COMPLETE fast
    - b. SELECTIVE fast
    - c. PARTIAL fast
    - d. SOUL fast
  - 2) Give God the first of my MONTH with TITHES and offerings.
    - Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB, Malachi 3:10-12
  - 3) Give God the first of my WEEK with church attendance and a SABBATH. - Luke 4:16
  - 4) Give God the first of my DAY with the word, worship and prayer.
    - Mark 1:35, Psalm 5:3
    - ✓ The first 15 MINUTES