

Life - Money - Hope Series  
The Principle of First  
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Haggai 1:5-7

Introduction - When this principle is applied to one's life, everything comes into order.

E.g. Exodus 13:1-2 NKJV

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I. The first must be **SACRIFICED** or **REDEEMED**

- Donkey/ unclean - Redeemed with a clean one
- Lamb/ clean - Sacrificed
- We were born? Clean or unclean
- Jesus was born? Clean or unclean
- Jesus was God's tithe! - Romans 5:8
- Asks us to test Him - Malachi 3:10-11 - Example: Why did God create tithing??

II. The firstfruits must be **OFFERED**

- Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV
- Exodus 23:19a NKJV
- We can't GIVE what doesn't belong to us - **BRING** or keep  
- e.g. Jericho
- Genesis 4:3-5 NKJV - The difference
- What God can't do... He can't be **SECOND!**

III. The **TITHE** must be first

- Leviticus 27:30 NKJV - It all belongs to God but He asked for the first tenth so we could live by faith - e.g. Which is the tithe?
- I can't afford to tithe! What will change this? **TITHING** breaks the curse!
- It's a heart issue - Matthew 6:21
- Exodus 13:14-15 NKJV, Why? The **RESCUE**
- Our belief in Jesus Christ - Colossians 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:20

Conclusion - May we **ALLOW** God the opportunity to bless us!