

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Putting God First for Growth and Alignment

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The Power of the First

- What we put first sets the direction for everything that follows.
- Firsts shape momentum, alignment, and outcomes.

Key Question:

- Is God first in your life?

1. God Establishes the Principles of the First

- **Genesis 1:1** – "In the beginning God."
(God is first in everything!)
- **Exodus 13:2** – The first belongs to God.
- **Proverbs 3:9–10** – Honour first, increase follows.
- Priority precedes provision.

“Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.”

Proverbs 3:9-10

2. Putting God First is a Matter of the Heart

- **Deuteronomy 6:5** – Love God fully.
- **Matthew 6:21** – Where your treasure is.
- Anything before God becomes a functional god.
- Alignment begins in the heart.

3. Jesus Reaffirms God-First Living

- **Matthew 6:33** – Seek first the Kingdom.
- **Luke 9:23** – Daily surrender.
- Seek first → Align first → Trust first.
- Alignment releases addition.

4. First Things First Produces Growth & Alignment

- **Romans 12:1–2** – Transformed living.
- **Colossians 1:18** – Christ has preeminence.
- Growth without alignment leads to burnout.
- Alignment fuels Kingdom expansion.

Summary & Conclusion

- What place does God hold in your life?
- Not Sunday God.
- Not emergency God.
- But first-place God.
- **2026: Growth & Alignment begins with God first.**