

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 16

### The Year of Sowing – Finances – Giving First Fruits

*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 (NKJV)



**Prayer Focus:** The first place that we begin in giving of our resources is giving the first fruits back to the Lord who is the owner and provider of all we receive. If we understand the first two principles, then it is a natural step for us to gladly give to the Lord the first and best portion of our resources. The Lord promises that if we are faithful to this basic principle of finances that He will provide for us all that we need and beyond. Our barns will be filled with plenty and our vats will overflow with new wine, symbols of abundance of God's provision as we are faithful to give the first and best of our increase. It might be a tendency for us to give to the Lord after we have taken care of ourselves, or to give him the "second best" because we feel we deserve the best, because we earned it. But God's warning is very clear in Malachi chapter 1 that less than the best are polluted offerings and an offense to the Lord, resulting in lack on our part. The promise of God is clear, and we have the opportunity to honor the Lord first with the offering of our lives, then offering of our first fruits to Him for His use. Do not let the enemy cast a lie in your mind that this is optional in your life. This is a basic spiritual principle of the way God has made our world to operate. Much like the law of gravity, the Law of First Fruits will bless us if we obey it, but harm us if we ignore it. If you are not already giving your First Fruits, determine today to begin to obey God in this matter and watch how He will bless your obedience.

**Day 1:** Are you currently giving the First Fruits and best to the Lord first? If not, commit to begin today.

**Day 2:** Confess to the Lord the ways you have not given the best and first of your possessions to Him.

**Day 3:** Ask the Lord to teach you and help you to be faithful in the giving of your First Fruits.

**Day 4:** Pray together as a family and ask the Lord to help you to be faithful in giving your First Fruits.

**Day 5:** Pray for the families in your church to be faithful in giving their First Fruits to the Lord in every area.

**Day 6:** Intercede for the other churches in your city to teach and practice this Biblical principle.

**Day 7:** Today pray for your missionaries that they too would be free to give their First Fruits to the Lord.