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The Principle of the First

Information about Daniel...

He is considered one of the <u>accurate</u> prophets in the bible because he just didn't prophecy events, but he prophesied times and seasons. He prophesied the exact <u>year</u> that the Messiah would come.

He is one of the three most <u>righteous</u> man whoever lived. The other two was <u>Noah</u> and <u>Job</u>. Ezekiel 14:13-14 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. 14 Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.

Daniel only prophesied two things...

- 1. The <u>coming</u> of the Messiah
- 2. The <u>second coming</u> of the Messiah. (Both prophecy he gives times)

Daniel is a descendant of <u>King David</u>. His Hebrew form of the babylonian name is <u>Belteshazzar</u>. Another name for Magician and Astrologer is <u>Magi</u>.

Daniel 10:1-3 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

You give the first 21 days of the first month to the Lord.

Bible Trivia: The ark that Noah built and was in, the bible says the ark came to rest on the 7th month on the 17th day. This is the same day that <u>Jesus rose from the grave</u>.

1. Give to God First

<u>443</u> times the word First is mentioned in the bible. It is very important by giving and putting God First.

James 4:7 tells us before we can resist the devil we have to submit to God.

Before I can tell you any of the principles about the <u>battle</u> or anything about spiritual warfare, none of it works unless you are <u>submitted</u> to God.

Exodus 13:1-2 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine. Exodus 40:1-2 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

Let God led you to something during the 21 days of fast. It is about setting aside time with God to <u>consecrate</u>. When you give the first to God, He will consecrate the <u>rest</u>.

Deuteronomy 26:1-2 And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide.

God always uses the word bring instead of the Word give regarding tithes. Do you know why that is important because you <u>can not</u> give something that is not yours.

Exodus 34:26 The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Ezekiel 44:30 The best of all first fruits of any kind, and every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifices, shall be the priest's; also you shall give to the priest the first of your ground meal, to cause a blessing to rest on your house.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

2. Go to God First

2 Chronicles 16:12-13 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. 13 So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

I want to put in you the principle of going to God first because I promise, you will never win this battle that is coming against you without God on your side.

God cannot be <u>second</u> in your life.

If you don't have God first in your <u>finances</u>, you can forget being <u>blessed</u> by God.

If you don't put God first in every area of your life, you can forget winning the battle or the war.

We exchange <u>heaviness</u> for rest when we give our <u>burden</u> to God first.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Give the <u>glory</u> to God first.

Daniel 9:20-22 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God, 21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.