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The Mission of  
FBCWR:  
*Connecting people  
to God's Life-  
Changing Power*

*We've Got  
Connections!*

*Seek ye first the  
Kingdom of God  
and all these  
things shall be  
added unto you.*

*Matthew 6:33*

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## FIRST THINGS, Duh,

Faith is tricky because, well—God is invisible. We tend to depend on our “trusty” 5 senses to maneuver through life. But God often asks us to take a step of faith before He moves. Many times He’ll say, “You go first!” He told Moses to hit the rock, *then* water came out. He told the apostles to lay hands on people, *then* He healed. Faith is putting God first and believing He’ll show up.

### Wisdom

Need some good advice about a major choice? Consult Him first in decision-making. Quit racking the brain. God enjoys it when we seek His advice. Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.* We put Him first by working out our situation in prayer. Someone may say, “Yeah, yeah, prayer is important”, but try getting on your knees every day for a week for at least 10 minutes and talk to God about the problem. Listen for an answer, He will direct. He promises.



### Finances

Too much month at the end of the money? God’s advice is not



something you’ll find in Money magazine: Proverbs 3:9-10—*Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.* **Note:** Give to His work *before* you spend on other things—from the “**first** of all our produce”. God is saying to give based on what we take in, not on what we have leftover. That is putting Him first financially. He honors our faith step and multiplies our offering.

How great a portion should we give? Ten percent—the tithe? That is a good start but remember in 2 Corinthians 9:7, He promises to give to us in proportion to how much we give.

### Church Attendance

Why go to church or mini-church when you are tired or unmotivated?

Consider Jesus’ promise that something special happens when we come together in His name. Matthew 18:20 - *“For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”* You can’t receive the benefits if you don’t **first** invest the time.

God will come through in greater ways when we step out in faith. So what step is He asking you to take now? Let’s get busy and put Him first! He will bless us for it.



-Joe Fornear