

The Feast of Firstfruits III

“Blessed – happy, fortunate (to be envied) - are the people who know the joyful sound (**who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the Feasts**); they shall walk, O Lord, in the light and favor of Thy countenance” *Psalm 89:15 Amplified*

NKJ James 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, **that we might be a kind of firstfruits** of His creatures.

I

We live in a world with many competing alternatives.

Priorities deal with the notion of **positioning** things in order of their importance.

A figure of speech such as “first things first” is a simple priority statement.

Setting priorities is a critical issue in the life of a believer.

Reordering priorities takes **courage**.

Consider *Matthew 6:31-33*...

II

Many people use the three R’s to set their priorities.

What is **required**? What gives the greatest **return**? What brings the greatest **reward**?

Consider *Exodus 20:8-11*...

The Lord required a day to be set aside to Him.

There are great rewards when He is a priority.

Consider *Isaiah 58:13-14*...

III

Setting aside a day for the Lord demonstrates He is a priority in our life.

Setting aside the first day of the week is an act of faith.

NKJ Matthew 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as **the first day of the week** began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

Consider *NKJ Mark 16:2 and 9; NKJ Luke 24:1; NKJ John 20:1 and 19*...

NKJ Acts 20:7 Now on the **first day of the week**, when the **disciples came together** to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

NKJ 1 Corinthians 16:2 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.

I have discovered if I **trust** and **bless** the Lord with the first day of week He **blesses** me the rest of the week.

Let’s be a firstfruits company!

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