

HABITS
WHAT I DO FIRST

EXODUS 20:1-3; LEVITICUS 27:30; DEUTERONOMY 14:23

MAIN POINT

Christians are called to build the habit of putting God first in everything.

INTRODUCTION

What is a habit you would like to break? Have you tried breaking this in the past? What were the results?

What is a habit you would like to begin? What steps do you need to take to start?

It seems that habits are as difficult to begin as they are to break. It takes discipline to break a bad habit as well as to begin a new one. In this series, we will be talking about habits that we need to begin as God's people. It may be difficult to begin these habits, but we can be certain that they will be worthwhile in the long run. Today we will look at the habit of putting God first.

DISCUSSION

> READ EXODUS 20:1-3, LEVITICUS 27:30, AND DEUTERONOMY 14:23.

Given God's description of Himself, what makes idolatry so offensive?

We may not struggle with serving multiple gods, but what are some modern-day idols people worship? How do these idols impact our relationship with God?

What does a life that has God in the primary place of worship look like? What are some of the key characteristics of this lifestyle?

Why do you think it is important that we be willing to give God the first of our time, talents, and resources? Can't we just be willing to give some of these things, even if not the first? Explain.

Did you grow up in a house where tithing was common? If so, what did you learn observing this pattern in your parents' lives?

Most of us don't live in an agrarian society, so how should we understand the Lord's directions about crops in our culture?

Read Psalm 50:10-12. Does God need anything from us? If not, then why does He ask us to give?

APPLICATION

What is one step you could take this week to put Christ first in all that you do?