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Text: Romans 11:16 *If the first part of the dough is holy, so is the whole batch; if the root is holy, so are the branches.*

Introduction: The pattern is clear: what we set apart first sanctifies all that follows. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we establish today that our First-Fruits: our priorities, our time, and our resources are holy unto the Lord. Just as the first portion of dough sanctifies the entire batch, and a holy root produces holy branches, our initial consecration sets the spiritual trajectory for everything that follows.

I. Jesus: The First in Everything

Colossians 1:17 *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell*

- Before all things
- The head of the Church
- The firstborn from the dead
- Supreme in all things
- The dwelling place of God's fullness

Our response: He must have preeminence in our lives. Not just theoretically, but practically; in our schedules, decisions, relationships, and ambitions.

II. The Power of First-Fruits Consecration

A. Daily Priority: Seek First the Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you!*

Our daily pattern matters: The first minutes of our day, the first thoughts, the first priorities. When you awake consecrate everything to God, sanctify the entire day!

B. Start this year with Daniel's Pattern: 21 Days of Consecration of Fasting and Prayer reveal powerful spiritual outcomes

Daniel 10:2-3 *In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.*

1. Immediate Divine Response: From the first day Daniel set his heart to understand and humble himself, his prayers were heard.

Daniel 10:12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*

2. Spiritual Warfare: Answers may be delayed by spiritual opposition, but God's faithfulness prevails.

Daniel 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

3. Persistence in Consecration: Daniel continued for 21 days until breakthrough came.

C. Jesus on Fasting and Prayer - Some spiritual strongholds only yield to consecrated believers who have disciplined themselves through prayer and fasting.

Mark 9:29 *And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

III. God's Chosen Fast: Isaiah 58:6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?⁸ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.⁹ Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;¹⁰ and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:¹¹ and the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.¹² And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.¹³ If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:¹⁴ then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

True consecration isn't ritual; it's radical obedience: • Loosing bonds of wickedness • Undoing heavy burdens • Freeing the oppressed • Not accusing others • Not speaking vanity • Feeding the hungry • Clothing the naked • Not doing things your self-pleasing • way • Not speaking your opinions • Honoring the Sabbath – every day is Holy

When we fast God's way, He promises: • Light breaking forth like morning • Healing springing forth speedily • Righteousness going before us • The glory of the Lord as our rear guard • Answered prayers • Continual guidance • Satisfaction in drought • Continual waters of refreshing • Restoration of broken relationships and dreams • Restoration of His pathways • Restoration of generational foundations

IV. Practical Consecration Steps

1. Present Your Body as a Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

- Begin each day with prayer. Do everything as unto the Lord (Colossians 3:23-24).

2. Renew Your Mind Through God's Word

Romans 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

- Immerse yourself in Scripture daily. Let God's living, powerful Word (Hebrews 4:12) shape your thoughts, emotions, and decisions.
- **Enroll in the Victory's Daily Devotional at Victoryexperience.com**

3. Consecrate Through Corporate Prayer and Fasting - There is power in united consecration.

- Nightly prayer at 6 PM • Wednesday services • The "New Beginnings Breakfast" on January 24th

4. Consecrate Your Resources

Proverbs 3:9 *Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:* ¹⁰ *So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*

The principle is clear: the first belongs to God. • First-fruit offerings • Faithful tithing (Malachi 3:10-12)

V. The First Hero of Faith: Abel's Example

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*

- Genesis 4:3-5 reveals the contrast: ³ *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.* ⁴ *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:* ⁵ *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.* And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
- Cain brought "of the fruit of the ground" (what was convenient)
- Abel brought "of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof" (the best, the first)

God respected Abel's offering because it was a first-fruit offering given in faith. His gift, though he is dead, still speaks to us today about the power of putting God first.

VI. The Pattern Throughout Scripture: The first-fruit principle is consistent through God's Word:

- The firstborn of Israel consecrated to God (Exodus 13:2)
- The first of all harvests brought to God's house (Exodus 23:19)
- The first of the dough offered as a holy gift (Numbers 15:20-21)
- Jericho: the first city in Canaan was devoted entirely to God (Joshua 6:17-19)

The pattern is consistent: The first sanctifies the rest.

Conclusion: Make Jesus First in 2026 - Today we stand at a holy moment! - We set the pattern for an entire year! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). Love gave us His best.

Will we give God our leftovers, or will we offer Him our first and our best? Act in faith!

1. Give Jesus preeminence in every area of life
2. Consecrate the first of your time, talent, and treasure

3. Persist in prayer and fasting for breakthrough
4. Walk in obedience to God's chosen fast
5. Trust God's promise that when the first is holy, the whole batch is holy

Your consecration today sets the spiritual DNA for your entire year. When the root is holy, the branches cannot help but bear holy fruit.

Declare together: "My first is holy unto the Lord!"

Worship God with your First-Fruits, tithes and offerings:

- **Give your first-fruits to God!**
- **Consecrate the first tenth, your tithes all year!**
- **Your entire year and harvest is BLESSED IN JESUS' NAME!**