

# Sermon Notes

## The Blessing of Putting God First - PT 1

### What does it mean to be blessed?

- To be blessed means having God's supernatural power working for you
- To not be blessed (or cursed) is having God's supernatural power working against you
- James 4:6

### God wants to bless us

- John 10:10, Psalm 84:11, Numbers 6:24-27

### God does not want to bless us so we can become more selfish

- 1 Timothy 6:17, Genesis 13:2, Genesis 18:18
- God wants to bless us so we can be a blessing to kingdom and others.

### We are so blessed in Jesus

- Ephesians 1:7-8

### Principle of first

- If you want to experience greater blessing from God, you need to put God first. If you do not put God first you will not experience God's full blessing.

### Is God going to bless me no matter what?

- Psalm 128:1, Psalm 34:8, James 4:4, John 15:14, James 4:8
- 1 Timothy 2:20-21

### Principle of first

- Matthew 6:31-33, Haggai 1:2-13

### First Fruits – God must be first

- Exodus 13:1-2, Exodus 23:19, Nehemiah 10:35, Proverbs 3:9-10, Genesis 4:2-5, Joshua 6:7
- "As God is exalted to the right place in our lives, a thousand problems are solved all at once." – A.W. Tozer
- Proverbs 3:6, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Jeremiah 17:7-8