l. 1 Cor 16:1-4

- A. Collection logeia The act of collecting contributions given involving a voluntary response
- B. **Given orders** diatasso To arrange thoroughly in a particular manner; to plan.
- C. Storing up thesaurizo To reserve, keep safe, treasure up that which is of great value!
- D. <u>Prosper</u> *euodoo* To succeed in reaching; To be successful in acquiring profit or gain; to gain in business or by work.
 - 1. eu Good, well
 - 2. hodos A road, progress, journey

II. Tithe

- A. **Gen 2:15** Where does tithing start? Is it part of the Law?
 - 1. Tithing did not begin with the Law of Moses, goes back to the garden of Eden 2,500 yrs before Law; You can have any of those trees but not that one.
- B. Gen 28:22 Jacob makes a vow 400 yrs before Law
 - 1. Gen 28:22 22 "...of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."
- C. <u>Lev 27:30</u> 30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.
- D. <u>Luke 11:42</u> 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

E. <u>Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 – First things first</u>

- 1. The first born either had to be sacrificed or redeemed.
- John 1:29 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- 3. **Col 1:15** 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- 4. **Rom 8:29** 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
 - a) **Eph 2:3-5** Were
 - b) 2 Peter 1:3-4 Partakers of Divine nature
- 5. He was a firstfruits offering, Jesus was God's tithe.
 - a) Rom 5:8 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us.

F. Firstfruits as well as firstborn

- Ex 23:19 19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.
- 2. **Rom 11:16** 16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.
 - a) <u>Firstfruit</u> The first portion of something which has been set aside and offered to God before the rest of the substance or objects can be used.

III. Does the first matter to God?

A. Gen 4:1-5

- 1. Abel brought firstborn but Cain did not bring firstfruits.
- 2. The tithe has to be first. Lev 27:30
- B. <u>Prov 3:9-10</u> 9 Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
 - 1. <u>Increase</u> income, revenue or gain.
- C. Joshua at Jericho 6:18-19
 - 1. First city conquered Bring into God's house and you can keep the rest.

D. <u>Malachi 3:8-11</u>
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