

# *The Power of Giving*

## **PART ONE**

### **Genesis 4:1-16**

#### **Introduction**

This three-week series examines the significance of being a good steward of the resources God provides to us and of the willingness to give Him our best.

There is something special about the first.

#### **I. Principle of the First**

- A. Firstborn must be sacrificed or redeemed.
- B. Animals must be sacrificed or redeemed.
- C. First fruits must be offered.

#### **II. Biblical Illustration of Giving Our First**

- A. Cain and Abel | Genesis 4
- B. It's about our attitude in giving.
- C. First recorded offering to God.
- D. Our attitude about how we give the first fruits of our time, talent, and treasure matters as much as what we give.

#### **III. Principles of Stewardship**

- A. Christian stewardship recognizes the ownership of God of the physical world.
- B. Christian stewardship involves your time, talents, and treasure.
- C. Christian stewardship recognizes personal responsibility.
- D. Christian stewardship recognizes accountability.

#### **Conclusion**

Don't give God half-hearted gifts; give Him the best.  
Give Him your first fruits with a joyful heart.