



## First Fruit Offering Guide

### First Fruit 2021: January 24, 2021

*During the beginning of Harvest, the section of the field where grain ripened first would be marked as Holy to the Lord. We are marking our first week of provision as Holy to the Lord. Based on what you expect to receive in a 52 week year, plan to bring a week's salary/provision as your first fruit offering.*

#### **Based on Annual Income:**

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(annual salary)}} \div 52 = \text{Weekly Income}$$

*Example:*

$$\frac{\$120,000}{\text{(annual salary)}} \div 52 = \$2307.69/\text{week}$$

*First Fruit Offering = \$2308*

#### **Based on Monthly Income:**

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(monthly salary)}} \div 4 = \text{Weekly Income}$$

*Example*

$$\frac{\$4,200}{\text{(monthly salary)}} \div 4 = \$1,050/\text{week}$$

*First Fruit Offering = \$1,050*

#### **Full Time at an Hourly Rate:**

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(hourly rate)}} \times 40 = \text{Weekly Income}$$

*Example*

$$\$15/\text{hour} \times 40 = \$600/\text{week}$$

*First Fruit Offering = \$600*

#### **Part Time at an Hourly Rate:**

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(hourly rate)}} \times 20 = \text{Weekly Income}$$

*Example*

$$\$12/\text{hour} \times 20 = \$240/\text{week}$$

*First Fruit Offering = \$240*



*This is a special offering that includes the regular tithe (if you tithe weekly). This is something you should prepare for by setting it aside over time so that you do not go lacking in your normal day to day expenses such as mortgage/rent, groceries, transportation, and utilities. Although we are believing God to honor His Word, we are still responsible to be good stewards of our lives. Start preparing now!*

### ***Tips for Saving Money***

- Download an electronic budgeting tool to help you keep your spending in check.
- Cut down on groceries, check your cabinets before going to the store
- Cancel automatic subscriptions and memberships that you have not used in 3 months
- Buy generic
- Cut ties with cable and if you substitute with a streaming service- pick ONE
- Unsubscribe from emails, especially email marketers
- Borrow tools, resources etc.—don't buy
- Pack lunch (and eat at home)
- Ask about discounts (and pay in cash)
- Lower your cell phone bill from hidden fees and excessive services
- Try a spending freeze on nonessential items for a week—or even a month!
- DIY . . . everything!
- Skip the coffee shop - brew at home
- Sell everything (that doesn't bring you joy) and collect the extra cash