



Living in the Zone means we are living in the place of the supernatural favor of God. It means to be the recipient of the tangible and intangible favor of God. It means to have a deep understanding of three key words...

**Blessor** → **Blessed** → **Blessing**

### **SETTLE THE ISSUE OF OWNERSHIP**

To live in the zone, we must accept the fact that we don't **own** anything.

We only **manage** what God has given us.

The first word God spoke to human beings was about management.

*Genesis 1:28, God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth." (Msg)*

The Land of ING is where ownership is the philosophy.

Money and material possessions is a **huge** topic in the Bible.

One in every six verses in the New Testament is about money.

Jesus spoke more about money than any other subject other than the Kingdom of God.

Money is a **test**.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

**First fruits** is a consistent and important topic in scripture.

*Exodus 23:19, As you harvest your crops, bring the very best of the first harvest to the house of the LORD your God. (NLT)*

*Proverbs 3:9-10, Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (NIV)*

This was the test of...

Adam and Eve

*Genesis 2:16-17, But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (NLT)*

Cain and Abel

*Genesis 4:3-4, Time passed. Cain brought an offering to God from the produce of his farm. Abel also brought an offering, but from the firstborn animals of his herd. (NLT)*

## DON'T GIVE IT, BRING WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

Malachi 3:8-10, *Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse...because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (NIV)*

Here is a picture of being "in the zone" and not "in the zone."

Moving into the zone requires that we...

...bring to God what is **his**

...bring the **right amount**

...bring it to the **proper place**.

Would you rather live with 100% of your income and it be cursed or 90% of it and it be blessed by God?