The choice to be a Christian is a radical one. It requires an entire change of life. It demands some uncompromising positions that are contrary to common sense. It means that you will always accept the fact that you’re a sinner, that Christ’s death is the only help available, that there must be a constant search for a new heart, and, ultimately, that there can only be one Person commanding your life.

As a matter of fact, your own criteria or perceptions will no longer be the parameter for making decisions, because you’re aware that your “heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked” (Jer. 17:9).

One cannot have Jesus while rejecting His Word, because He and His Word are inseparable!

Solomon says “Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh and strength to your bones” (Prov. 3:5-8 NKJV).
Then, he uses the financial life to suggest a way through which we may exercise our trust in Jesus and submission to His word: “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine” (Prov. 3:9, 10 NKJV).

To honor the Lord with firstfruits means that we give our best to God first before meeting any other expenses.

Always remember: limited submission generates limited blessings, while unlimited submission brings overflowing blessings.

As you return your tithe and give your Promise, ask God to give you a submissive heart and to help you to be willing to say, “Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears” (1Sam.3:9NKJV).

May we put our desires last and God first.