Bible Study – September 14, 2016
Putting God First, Pt. 1
Genesis 4: 2-5

II. Bible Interpretation
a. Genesis 4
   2 ...Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought
   some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought an
   offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor
   on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.
   b. Abel gave of his firstfruits, Cain gave of his leftovers.
   c. Each one’s sacrifice was a direct reflection of his heart for God. “For where your treasure
      is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21

III. The Benefit of Putting God First
When we put God first in our lives, it enables us to __________ things God’s Way

There are a few basic truths we must hold on to if we are to be successful in this Christian journey:
1) We must know that God is ___________________ (cf. Deut. 10:17; Phil. 2:10).
2) We must know that God ____________ us (cf. Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4: 9-11; Ephesians 2: 4-5).
3) We must know that God can be ____________ with the affairs of our lives (cf. Proverbs 3: 5-6; Romans 8:28; Jeremiah 29:11).

IV. Take-away
a. The fact is that we often _______________ our abilities and ____________ God’s abilities.
b. God can do, exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think.
c. God can give us ____________ in places where favor cannot be found.
d. We have to work hard, but God adds a ___________________ blessing when we honor Him
   and place Him first in our lives.