

BETTER PRIORITIES

Scripture Focus: Matthew 6:33

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.”

Day 1: Put the Big Rocks In First

Scripture

Matthew 6:33

Life has a way of filling up quickly. Emails, appointments, responsibilities, errands, social media, hobbies, and countless distractions compete for our attention every day.

Jesus understood this tendency long before smartphones and endless notifications existed. That is why He gave a simple but powerful command: **Seek God first.**

The problem for many Christians is not that God is unimportant. Most would readily agree that God matters. The real question is whether He comes first.

When the important things are neglected, the urgent things take over. Like the jar filled with rocks, if we fill our lives with lesser priorities first, there is little room left for the things that matter most.

God was never meant to be squeezed into whatever time remains after everything else is finished. He is the foundation upon which everything else is built.

When God is first, He brings order to everything else.

Reflection Questions

1. What typically gets the first moments of your day?
2. What “small rocks” have crowded out your relationship with God?
3. What would it look like to intentionally seek God first this week?

Prayer

Father, forgive me for allowing distractions to crowd out what matters most. Help me place You first in every area of my life. Teach me to seek You before anything else. Amen.

Daily Challenge

Practice the **First 15**:

- 5 minutes of prayer
- 5 minutes of Bible reading
- 5 minutes of quiet reflection

Before checking your phone, spend the first fifteen minutes of your day with God.

Day 2: Love God With Everything

Scripture

Matthew 22:37

Jesus was once asked what the greatest commandment was. Out of all the laws and commandments in Scripture, His answer was simple: Love God completely.

Notice He did not say to love God partially, occasionally, or conveniently. He said to love God with everything.

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Real love always reveals itself through action.

When people fall in love, everyone around them notices. They talk differently. They think differently. They prioritize differently.

The same should be true of our relationship with God.

Loving God is more than attending church. It is a daily pursuit of His presence. It means spending time in His Word, talking with Him in prayer, obeying His commands, and making Him the center of our lives.

The question is not whether we say we love God.

The question is whether our lives demonstrate it.

Reflection Questions

1. If someone watched your life for one week, would they know God is your greatest love?
2. What receives more of your attention than God?
3. What practical step could help you pursue Him more intentionally?

Prayer

Lord, I want to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Remove anything that competes for first place in my life. Help me pursue You wholeheartedly. Amen.

Daily Challenge

Spend ten uninterrupted minutes thanking God for specific blessings and reflecting on His goodness.

Memory Verse

Matthew 22:37

Day 3: Invest in What Lasts Forever

Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:18

Our culture constantly pushes us toward temporary things.

More possessions. More achievements. More success. More recognition.

None of these things are necessarily bad. But none of them last forever.

One day every possession we own will be left behind. Every trophy, paycheck, title, and accomplishment will fade away.

What remains?

Our relationship with Christ and the people we influence for Him.

Jesus challenged His followers to store up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. He wasn't condemning possessions; He was teaching us not to make them our priority.

The greatest investments are eternal ones.

Every prayer. Every act of kindness. Every conversation about Jesus. Every disciple we help grow.

These investments never lose their value.

Reflection Questions

1. What consumes most of your time and energy?
2. Are your priorities focused more on temporary or eternal things?
3. What eternal investment can you make this week?

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Prayer

Father, help me focus on what truly matters. Keep me from becoming distracted by temporary things. Teach me to invest my life in things that will last forever. Amen.

Daily Challenge

Encourage someone spiritually today through a phone call, text message, note, or conversation.

Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 4:18

Day 4: Your Family Learns From Your Priorities

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:5

Whether we realize it or not, people are watching us.

Children learn far more from what we do than from what we say.

Our families notice:

- How we spend our time.
- How we handle stress.
- How we treat people.
- Whether we truly seek God.

One of the greatest gifts a parent can give is not wealth, success, or possessions.

It is a genuine relationship with Jesus.

No parent is perfect. But children need to see parents who pray, worship, repent, trust God, and depend on Him during difficult seasons.

The greatest legacy you can leave is a life that points others toward Christ.

Your priorities today may shape the faith of future generations.

Reflection Questions

1. What priorities are you modeling for your family?
2. Would those closest to you describe you as someone who seeks God first?
3. What spiritual example do you want to leave behind?

Prayer

Lord, help me live in a way that honors You. May my family, friends, and coworkers see Christ reflected in my life. Let my example point others toward You. Amen.

Daily Challenge

Pray with or for a family member today. If possible, share a verse or spiritual encouragement with them.

Memory Verse

John 14:15

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Day 5: Rearranging the Jar

Scripture

James 4:8

Many believers do not need more information.

They need reordering.

The challenge is not usually ignorance. We know what matters most. The challenge is placing those priorities where they belong.

The good news is that today is a perfect day to rearrange the jar.

God's grace allows us to start fresh.

Maybe distractions have taken over. Maybe work has become first. Maybe entertainment has crowded out prayer. Maybe busyness has replaced intimacy with God.

Whatever has slipped out of place, God invites us back.

When we seek Him first, love Him fully, and focus on eternal things, we discover the life He intended us to live.

A better life truly begins with better priorities.

And better priorities begin with God.

Reflection Questions

1. What area of your life needs reordering today?
2. What distraction most often pulls you away from God?
3. What one change can you make this week to put God first?

Prayer

Father, help me rearrange my priorities according to Your will. Remove distractions that keep me from You. Give me wisdom to put the big rocks in first and trust You with everything else. Amen.

Daily Challenge

Write down your top five priorities. Compare them with how you actually spend your time. Ask God to help align your schedule with your values.

Memory Verse

James 4:8

Weekly Reflection

At the end of this week, spend time journaling:

1. What did God teach me about my priorities?
2. What distractions most often compete with my relationship with Him?
3. What practical changes do I need to make?
4. How will I continue putting God first moving forward?

Final Prayer

Father, thank You for reminding me that the most important things are often not the loudest things. Help me seek You first, love You completely, and live for what is eternal. Reorder my life around Your Kingdom and Your purposes. May my priorities honor You and point others to Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.