

DAILY READING: PRIORITIES

I will exchange my priorities for Jesus' priorities. I do this by choosing to live out His words "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously" (Matthew 6:33). I will not reduce Jesus' words to a lesson in time management rather I accept them as a command and apply them to my entire life. I will look for ways to honor, represent and remember Him. I do this by allowing His Spirit to fill and transform my thoughts with His desires.

I will exchange my priorities for Jesus' priorities. This means I will turn to Him first in all things. I will pattern my character after His. It means I will obey Him and seek to live as He requires me to live. This means I will submit to His will here on earth and work for the coming of His kingdom in the future. This means I am allowing God and His ways to determine and direct every effort and activity of my life.

While there will always be things of importance in my life, I have settled the question of priorities; I choose to seek the Kingdom of God above all else. I will not allow anything to remove God and His kingdom from the position of first priority in my life. The action I take to seek His Kingdom above all else produces a life of righteousness and victory.

I will live out the priority of seeking the kingdom of God above all else and living righteously by thinking about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. So I will fix my thoughts on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely and admirable. I will think of things that are excellent and worthy of praise. I will recognize I am part of God's family, the Church, and serve it well by giving of my time and energy. I will eagerly tell people how much Jesus means to me. I will keep my word and express God's love to those who cross my path each day. I will exchange my priorities for Jesus' priorities.

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 6:33
 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."
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DAILY STUDY: PRIORITIES

DAY 1: Everything is Worthless Compared to Jesus - Philippians 3:6-11 (Page 900); Psalm 27:4 (Page 425); Jeremiah 9:23-24 (Page 580)

DAY 2: Don't Neglect Worship - Luke 10:38-42 (Page 793); Psalm 37:5-6 (Page 429)

DAY 3: What Matters Most - 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Page 915); Exodus 20:3 (Page 59); Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (Page 507)

DAY 4: Get Spiritual Nourishment - 1 Peter 2:1-3 (Page 935); Psalm 90:12 (Page 456); Ezra 7:10 (Page 367)

DAY 5: Enthusiastically Serve - Romans 12:11-12 (Page 866); 1 Corinthians 15:58 (Page 880); Deuteronomy 6:5 (Page 144)

DAY 6: Aim High! - Colossians 3:2 (Page 903); Hebrews 3:1 (Page 921); Psalm 123:1-2 (Page 472); Ecclesiastes 12:13 (Page 511)

DAY 7: Think About God's Goodness -

Philippians 4:8 (Page 901); Psalm 119:10-11 (Page 468).
 Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

ACTIVITY:

Look at the way you spend your time and list your top priorities. Pray and ask Jesus if your time is in line with His priorities. Are there any changes you need to make? What are they?

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?