

LIVING
FOR
GOD

PRIORITIES OF
THE HEART

**MESSAGE
REFLECTION
AND NOTES**

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BIBLE READING:

- MATTHEW 6:33 (NIV): "BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL."

- MARK 10:17-22 (NIV): "AS JESUS STARTED ON HIS WAY, A MAN RAN UP TO HIM AND FELL ON HIS KNEES BEFORE HIM. 'GOOD TEACHER,' HE ASKED, 'WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?' [...] JESUS LOOKED AT HIM AND LOVED HIM. 'ONE THING YOU LACK,' HE SAID. 'GO, SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN. THEN COME, FOLLOW ME.' AT THIS THE MAN'S FACE FELL. HE WENT AWAY SAD, BECAUSE HE HAD GREAT WEALTH."

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS:

1. IN MATTHEW 6:33, WHAT ARE BELIEVERS INSTRUCTED TO SEEK FIRST?
2. WHAT PROMISE IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PRIORITIZE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS?
3. IN THE STORY OF THE RICH YOUNG RULER (MARK 10:17-22), WHAT DOES JESUS TELL THE MAN HE LACKS, AND WHAT DOES HE INSTRUCT HIM TO DO?



INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS:

1. WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS EMPHASIZES SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE ALL OTHER THINGS?
2. WHAT MIGHT BE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RICH YOUNG RULER'S REACTION TO JESUS' INSTRUCTION TO SELL ALL HE HAS AND GIVE TO THE POOR?
3. HOW DOES THE INTERACTION BETWEEN JESUS AND THE RICH YOUNG RULER ILLUSTRATE THE CONCEPT OF PRIORITIES IN ONE'S LIFE?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. REFLECT ON YOUR CURRENT PRIORITIES. WHAT IS ONE CONCRETE STEP YOU CAN TAKE THIS WEEK TO ALIGN THEM MORE CLOSELY WITH SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM FIRST?
2. CONSIDER YOUR POSSESSIONS AND THE HOLD THEY MAY HAVE ON YOUR LIFE. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU FEEL LED TO GIVE UP OR USE MORE GENEROUSLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS?
3. IDENTIFY A TIME SLOT IN YOUR DAILY ROUTINE THAT YOU CAN DEDICATE TO CREATING OR ENHANCING YOUR PERSONAL ALTAR TIME WITH GOD. WHAT SPECIFIC ACTIONS WILL YOU TAKE DURING THIS TIME?
4. THINK OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO NEEDS MORE OF YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION. WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN SHOW THEM THEY ARE A PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?
5. HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY WITHOUT NEGLECTING YOUR PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CAREER OBLIGATIONS? CAN YOU LIST A SPECIFIC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL COMMIT TO?





***“SO, HOW DO WE PUT GOD FIRST?
SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
LIVE LIKE JESUS.
LIVE ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL.
ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO
REARRANGE THE PRIORITIES OF
OUR HEART.”***

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