



## “Setting Priorities for Life”

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### **Texts: Psalm 63:1-8, Matthew 6:25-33**

Many people go through life without establishing priorities and a list of the most important down to the least important and consequently have no order in their life.

When defining the word priority the following is discovered as to its meaning.

**Priority-** noun- a thing that is regarded as more important than another; the fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important; something the things that someone cares about and thinks are important; something is more urgent or important than other things, something that is very important and must be dealt with; the thing that needs to be done first.

Whether you're single with no children, single with children, married with no children, married with children, separated, divorced, or widowed in order to experience God's best for your life, you must set priorities. You can't just go through life with no goals, aspirations, desires, standards, morals, or priorities and expect things to just fall into place. First thing must be first for you to succeed in life. See II Chronicles 26:1-5.

No matter who you are or what your status, seeking God must be your first priority. Even pre-teens, teens, and young adults must make

seeking God the number one priority for their life.

People tend to put so many things before seeking God and His divine will and purpose for their lives. Since the steps for our lives are ordered by God any way, we need to seek Him first so we make the right steps. To step out of God's divine will for your life is to step out of your destiny.

**Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.**

**24: Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.**

Everything we do in life should fall in line behind seeking God's divine will and purpose for our life.

Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:25-33 that we should not get consumed by seeking natural things and neglect seeking God first because our efforts to do so will be in vain.

**Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**

**26: Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather**

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into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

**27: Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?**

**28: And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:**

**29: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**

**30: Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?**

**31: Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?**

**32: (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**

This next verse should be the number one priority for all of us whether single, married, with or without children, separated, divorced, or widowed.

**33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God,**

**and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

When seeking and pleasing God is your #1 Priority everything else follows suite, falls in place, and works together for the good as declared in Romans 8:28. When God is # 1 in your life He supernaturally empowers your other priorities, pursuits, and challenges, whether marriage, raising children, career pursuits, academic pursuits, and all pursuits.

A husband or wife who makes seeking and pleasing God their number one priority automatically makes seeking to serve and please their husband or wife their next priority, which will be followed by giving quality attention and effort to raising their children.

A single parent that makes seeking and serving God their number one priority will automatically put their children next on their list of priorities to invest quality time with.

When you make seeking and serving God your number one priority, prosperity in anything you do follows as declared by David in Psalm 1:1-3.

**Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the**

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**2: But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

**3: And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

These verses clearly indicate that making God and His word your number one priority positions you to prosper in every other endeavor. When God is your number one priority He releases His divine Wisdom to you which enables you to be successful and prosper in all other areas of your life.

**Proverbs 8:10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.**

**11: For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.**

**12: I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.**

**15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.**

**16: By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.**

**18: Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.**

**19: My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.**

The wisdom of God will enable you to get all your other priorities in the exact order they should be, because it enables you to know and follow God’s divine will for your life. It’s very important to remember that making, seeking, and serving God your number one priority causes God’s divine wisdom to be present in your life.

Look at how David describes seeking and serving God sincerely in Psalm 63.

**Psalm 63:1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;**

**2: To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.**

David knew hungering and thirsting for God included hungering and thirsting to be in the sanctuary or in church as often as possible, do you?

**3: Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.**

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**4: Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.**

**5: My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:**

**6: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.**

Even in the wee hours of the night he sought God’s presence as his number one priority. Do you?

**7: Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.**

**8: My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.**

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