

## WHAT SHOULD MY PRIORITY BE AS A CHRISTIAN?

Matthew 5:6; 6:25-34; Acts 20:24; Colossians 3:1-3; 2 Peter 3:10-11.

There are many things that one may do which are noble and good when it comes to priorities. But the greatest and most demanding for the Christian is seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

This sounds very simple. But it is not as simple as one may think. When Jesus used these words He used them as a command. And when we think of the word first, we think of it as a number in a sequence. But Greek linguists tell us that this word is more than a sequence of consecutive numbers.

It is a word that denotes, “a weighty concept, chiefness of priority, a matter of top priority.” So how do we obey this command? Some tell us that prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and worship are the keys to this command. These are things that help us get our priorities correct, but they alone will not keep our priorities correct.

We are people of different desires, and sometimes these desires collide. And when this happens, we feed the desire that is greatest at that time. If we have just left church where our mind was on God and a desire comes to do something that we know is wrong, we would no doubt override that desire. But if a few days have passed and that same desire attacks us again, we might give in.

Why? Sin. It would be nice if all that we had to do is push a button and say, from now on I will put God first in my life, but it is just not that simple. And the reason why is sin.

To make this a matter of top priority, it will take commitment, discipline, trust and sacrifice.

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