

THE FIRST

We are continuing our summer series discussing the Kingdom of God and today we give emphasis to kingdom priorities.

Kingdom priorities

Matthew 6:33 – Seek first His kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

Jesus gives this kingdom first to seek first on the heels of His emphasis to **not worry about your life**... what we will wear, eat, sustain life... what will happen in the future... in essence a message of trust

Proverbs 29:18 Without vision (Kingdom priorities) people perish

NIV- ...Cast off restraint....

CSB-... run wild,...

CEV-...law and order disappear...

GNT- ...a nation without order.

TCC- Without God purposed priorities (Kingdom Firsts)... Chaos reigns

Seeking first is ... about value

Seeking first **renders everything else second**...thereby placing a **higher value** on the first

Psalm 63:1 - Because you are my God...early in the morning I will rise up and seek you

When the kingdom is first place in our lives... everything else finds its proper value in our lives

Seeking first shows intent

Colossians 3:2 – ...**set our affections** on things above... and not on the things of this earth

Psalm 46:10 – Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 131:2 – Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. But I have calmed and quieted myself,

TCC – Seeking first is about what is valuable... seeking first is intentional

Seeking First is about passion

Psalm 119:10-11 – **I have hidden your word** in my heart that I might not sin against you. ”

James 4:8 – Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

In this world of chaotic everything... **Jesus says seek first**... first in value first in intent... first in passion

When the kingdom is first it shows in how we construct our lives ...

- What occupies our time, what consumes our energies and where we invest our resources.

JB Phillips- **Set your heart first on His kingdom** and His goodness and all things will come to you as a matter of course...

Missionary Stanley Jones... Dr. Jones you are obsessed with the kingdom of God...
“If only it were true it would be a magnificent obsession”

To place something first it means first in rank... time... number... value and importance

Psalm 119:11 – Your word I have treasured and stored in my heart that I might not sin against God

In my heart – my center - the apple of my eye...

- Everything else is peripheral
- My focus is single... I rivet my attention to absorb knowing you

TCC- it is always about the heart... our center

How do we treat God? What value do we place on him in our lives? Do we intentionally place Him at our center?