

First Things First: Setting Priorities

I. God's Goal for us: Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:9; Colossians 3:23

Prioritise Him, Please Him, Glorify Him, Represent Him

What is the Alternative to living out God's Goals for us?:

II. God's Purpose for us: Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 8:29

to enable us to love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, strength and make us more like Christ

What is the Alternative to living God's Purpose?:

III. God's Priorities for us

God Himself Psalms 42:1-2; Matthew 6:33; Mark 12:30

Husband Titus 2:4-5, Ephesians 5:22-24, 31

Family Proverbs 14:1, 24:3-4

Our Parents Ephesians 6:2

Believers Galatians 6:10; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12

Unbelievers Matthew 5:13; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Colossians 4:5-6

Life is about relationships!! Matt 22:37-40

What is the Alternative to missing God's Priorities for us?:

Questions to ask when setting priorities and living them out:

How can how we use our time/168 Hours (wisely) to reflect these?

Starting with God, how am I making Him my top priority?

Do I have a plan for cultivating and deepening my love for Him?

Am I talking to Him (communion) and studying His word?

Am I actively seeking to be changed and transformed? Am I

aware of areas that I need to change? Have I seen growth in my life?

Parents

Do my parents have needs that I should be meeting?

Do my parents know Christ?

Believers

How am I encouraging other believers?

Who am I mentoring/disciplining?

How am I contributing to building up the Body of Christ?

Where am I serving? What's my ministry?

Unbelievers

What unbelievers around me have needs?

Whom am I befriending?

How am I letting my "light" shine? Does my life give others an attractive picture of God?

If Marrieds or Parents are in your group:

Husband

Do I have a plan for deepening my love for him?

Am I putting my ministry to him above other ministries?

Do I know what is important to him regarding my priorities?

Have I asked him what is important to him and what he would like me to be doing more or less of?

Children

Am I teaching and training my children?

Do I know what their weaknesses and needs are?

What can I do today to show them that they are a high priority in my life?