

I Need to Have God Set My Priorities

1st Step – Lesson 3

“First Things First” “One Day At A Time” – Did those slogans resonate with you when you first heard them? Do they identify a problem you have in your life?

Matthew 6:31-34 – “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:11 – “Give us today our daily bread.”

Messed-Up Human Priorities

1. *What happens when you can’t sort out what’s truly important, and EVERYTHING seems like it’s a top priority?*
 - *Overload*
 - *Stress*
 - *Relapse*
 - *Truly important things get neglected*
 - *What else?*
2. *Thinking two steps ahead*
 - *When is it helpful?*
 - *When does it get you in trouble?*

God’s Priorities

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...”

1. Compare Luke 12:32 – “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” – What does that tell you about becoming a member of the kingdom?
2. Compare Romans 3:21-24 – “But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” – What does that tell you about getting God’s righteousness?
3. What’s it going to mean in your life to “seek his kingdom and his righteousness”?