

“Priority Living” for the Glory of God!

- “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do it all for the glory of God.**” (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- “**But seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)
- Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’... ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37-40)
- “Whoever has my commands and **keeps them is the one who loves me.**” (John 14:21)

I) Your “Commitment” Check?

- 1) Are you committed to glorifying God with everything in your life?
- 2) Are you committed to seeking first God’s kingdom and His righteousness?
- 3) Are you committed to loving the Lord your God and your neighbor with...?
- 4) Are you committed to loving Jesus by keeping His commandments?
- 5) Are you committed to being a true disciple of Jesus Christ?

II) Your “Priority” Check?

1) Arrange the following categories in order of priority in your current life.

- School/Work
- Entertainment
- Friends
- Fellowship
- Drawing near to God
- Leisure activities/hobbies
- Family
- Exercise/working out
- Good works/helping others
- Spiritual ministry
- Other categories _____, _____, _____

2) What is the order of priorities that God would be pleased with?

III) Your “Priority” Quiz?

What is the proper priority life? (Order it according to highest to lowest)

- 1) Between hanging out with friends, doing homework, and watching TV?
- 2) Between dinner with friends, working out, and Bible study?
- 3) Between going home, studying for a test, and going to church?
- 4) Between studying, helping a friend, and going to rally/fellowship?
- 5) Between helping your parents, studying, and sharing your faith with a friend?
- 6) Between eating, quiet time, and watching the news?
- 7) Between watching TV, studying/work, and quiet time?
- 8) Between personal hobbies, spiritual equipping, and doing extra work for money?
- 9) Between pursuing my passion, obeying God, and career building?
- 10) ...

IV) What is Cost of Not Living Out God's Priority life? (Learning from King Asa)

- “Then Asa called to the LORD his God and said, “LORD, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. LORD, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you.”¹² The LORD struck down the Cushites before Asa and Judah. The Cushites fled,...The men of Judah carried off a large amount of plunder.” (2 Chronicles 14:11-13)
- “The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded.² He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.³ For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law.⁴ But in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them.” (2 Chronicles 15:1-4)

- “In the thirty-sixth year of Asa’s reign Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and fortified Ramah to prevent anyone from leaving or entering the territory of Asa king of Judah. ² Asa then took the silver and gold out of the treasuries of the LORD’s temple and of his own palace and sent it to Ben-Hadad king of Aram, who was ruling in Damascus. ³ “Let there be a treaty between me and you,” he said, “as there was between my father and your father. See, I am sending you silver and gold. Now break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so he will withdraw from me.” ⁴ **Ben-Hadad agreed with King Asa** and sent the commanders of his forces against the towns of Israel.” (2 Chronicles 16:1-4)
- “At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him: “**Because you relied on the king of Aram and not on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand.** ⁸ Were not the Cushites and Libyans a mighty army with great numbers of chariots and horsemen? Yet when you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand. ⁹ **For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.** You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war. ” ¹⁰ Asa was angry with the seer because of this; he was so enraged that he put him in prison. At the same time Asa brutally oppressed some of the people.” (2 Chronicles 16:7-10)

V) What is Jesus' Top Priority? (Luke 11:38-42)

- What was Mary doing?
- What was Martha doing?
- What is Jesus saying and why?