

Priority Equation: Simple Rule: PUT GOD FIRST!

Matt 6: 33

**“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.”**

**What is the requirement for us? to seek God first
and his righteousness**

1. Priority should be God: first thing every day
 - yield to God
 - He will supply all our needs, if we trust him
 - he will guide us
 - If we seek Him, he will be found

GREEK WORDS:

Seek is *zeteo* in Greek (2212)

- To seek in order to find
- To seek by thinking, reasoning, to enquire into
- To crave, demand
- To aim for

Righteousness is *dikaiosune* in Greek (1343)

According to Vine’s Dictionary of the NT it is “the character or quality of being right or just: it was formerly spelled ‘rightwiseness’ . . .

“right thinking and right acting” according to MBE
the Law and the Gospel in action
the way in which man may attain a state approved of God
conformity only to God and his commands
conditions of thought that are only acceptable to God
like purity, integrity, virtue, rightness, correctness of
thinking feeling and acting, etc.

What fills your thought?

- sports
- what I eat
- any daily activity
- exercise?
- people
- drink
- academics
- wear?
- my body?

Mark 12:29-30 What is the greatest commandment in the law?

SHEMA from Deut. 6:4-5

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and woul and mind, and with all thy strength,

What does it mean for us? (from commentary)

- to give our lives over to God, to fix our affections on Him
- to serve Him and only Him
- do His will
- be willing to be taught of Him
- to labor and toil only for His glory
- to do this with every faculty and capacity of our being

Ask our selves:

What is my motive, Father?

- to serve you
- see the meekness, the obedience, the love for God

What is my only desire?

- to know you better
- see the receptivity, willingness

What is my purpose in life?

- to be the woman or man that God made, to be image, no matter where you place me or what I am doing!

What does this eliminate from my life?

total elimination of a selfhood apart from God
confusion
sickness, disease, death
frustration
duality
compromise
discontent
lack of focus

Lev. 19:18 and NT “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Who is our neighbor? Anyone within the radius of our thought near or far.

Story told of John, the Beloved Disciple in Jerome’s Commentary in the Gal.

John was very advanced in years and would stand up at every AGAPE feast and repeat the same testimony, “Little children, love one another.” And then he would sit down. They held the Agape feasts at this time, nightly, so this same word was frustrating to the early listeners. Finally someone asked him, “John, why do you repeat this same instruction every single night, don’t you have something new to tell us?” John remarked, “Little children, if you will love one another, that will fulfill it all, you will have done everything.”