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FOCUS: God Comes First

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART ..." – MATTHEW 22:37

WEEK 1

DIAGNOSTIC TEST // PRAY // FAST LIFE VIDEO

PROBLEM: Our world sends us mixed messages.

Communication Revolution // 100 years ago vs. today // SPAM screenshot
I've set up filters! // Wouldn't we all like to filter our lives?

The filter we are looking for is called **BIBLICAL PRIORITIES**.

The Greatest Command(s)

Matthew 22:34-40 (p. 687)

God Comes First.

CORE Value // When God is first, everything else falls into place // Day One

Why?

- **BLESSING**: God blesses those who put him first.
Seek First: Mt 6:32-33
- **COMMAND**: God commands total devotion.
Jesus' words here.
- **FAIRNESS**: God alone deserves it.
In the beginning, God...

How?

Do you really want to know?

The Rich Young Man

Mark 10:17-31

"CONSIDER GOD" Jesus points the conversation to God
Jesus addresses the commandments // CHART the contrast
"ONE THING YOU LACK" (PETER AND JOHN DIALOGUE)
"SELL EVERYTHING"

Jesus didn't make the obvious point! // He used the Application to make the point.

The Commandments **REVEAL** our **PRIORITIES**.

The man's highest priority was his **MONEY**.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Matthew 6:24

How to Put God First

Exodus 20:1-17

Since Jesus used the framework of the Ten Cmts. to make his point, so will I.

No God But God

- God is first in my **HEART**.
- Receiving **CHRIST** & Being **BAPTIZED**.

No Idols

- He's first in my **THOUGHTS** (the real God, not my opinion of God.)
- **STUDY GOD'S OWN WORDS FIRST.**

Honor His Name (don't misuse God's name)

- God is first in my **SPEECH**.
Cherish his name // if anyone badmouths Jen → Stern lecture! // damn?

Honor His Timing (honor the Sabbath)

- God is first in my **TIME**.
- **DAILY**.
- **WEEKLY**.

Honor His Values (honor parents, don't kill, no adultery)

- God created **AUTHORITY**, other **PEOPLE**, & **MARRIAGE**.

Honor His Blessings (no deceit, no stealing, no coveting)

- God is first in my attitude about **POSSESSIONS**.
- **10%** given back to God.
- **90%** used wisely.
I don't have a Right to what I haven't been Given.
I don't Possess what I Have been given.

Priority 1 means **I'M NOT NUMBER 1.**

What are your priorities today?

Work, leisure, reputation, money, family, a relationship

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