

God's Priorities

Why priorities?

Relationship with God involves many things, worship, prayers, fellowship, serving, giving, sacrifice, obedience ETC. However, God made it clear what should be our priorities. But does that make others irrelevant? No. By prioritising, you put the horse before the cart and not the other way round; thus making the pulling of the cart easier and more productive. When you prioritise according to God's priorities, you align yourself to God. But what are the advantages?

- The Life of God flows easily.
- More power of God
- More revelation of God's heart
- More understanding of God's heart.
- Great fellowship with God
- Greater impact of God through you.
- No leakage of life, power, anointing.

What are these priorities?

A. "His Kingdom"

*(Amplified) Mathew 6:33 "But seek (^[a]aim at and strive after) **first of all** His kingdom and His righteousness (^[b]His way of doing and being right), and then all these things ^[c]taken together will be given you besides.*

What is God's Kingdom?

*Romans 14:17¹⁷ [After all] the kingdom of God is not a matter of [getting the] food and drink [one likes], but instead it is **righteousness** (that state which makes a person acceptable to God) and [heart] **peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.***

- **Righteousness:** God's righteousness comes through salvation. Salvation of soul is God's priority. If you are saved and serve to get others saved, you are in line with God's priority. So, be a soul winner, be wise. Proverb 11:30
- **Peace:** Act 24:16. To say sorry to God when you do wrong and forgive others when they do wrong to you should come first before doing something else for God? Having a heart that is void of offence to man and God is vital, it is God's priority. Mathew 5:24.
- **Joy in the Holy Ghost:** Anytime you are out to please the Holy Ghost first, your priority is right and He will lead the way.

B. His Righteousness:

Amplified 2 Tim.2:19 "But the firm foundation of (laid by) God stands, sure and unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names [himself by] the name of the Lord gives up all iniquity and stands aloof from it.

Not to sin should come first in what you think or do. God hate sin, though He loves sinners. To reed us of sin and its power over you has been and still is God priority. If that is your priority, you are aligned to God.

C. Obedience to God

Obedience involves two things: Listening and Doing. To do one without the other is disobedience.

- Listening: To know what to do is a key to doing what is expected. Seek to know God's will first and doing can then follow. Luke 10:38 (Mary and Martha)
- Doing: Doing what God wants, how he wants it, when he wants it and where He wants it complete the obedience.

Obedience comes before sacrifice. So, do not worship in disobedience, do not give to God in disobedience...repent and do what God expects of you and then worship. This is what is acceptable to God.

(Amplified)1Samuel 15:22 "Samuel said, Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

(NIV) Luke 6: 36-39 ⁴⁶"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock, When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Questions

- How often do you tell others about getting saved?
- Is there anything you need to say sorry to God for?
- Do you find it hard or easy to forgive yourself and others?
- Do you need peace?
- Is sinning an issue in your life and what will you do about it?
- Do you struggle to obey God and what will you do about it?