



# The Priority of the Kingdom

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***Seek first the kingdom  
(Matthew 6:33)***

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- **God likes to be first.**
- **He and his kingdom demand first.**
  - **The problem with most peoples' lives is: God is not first.**

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- **When God created man, he made it clear.**
  - **Abel's success was not that he brought a sheep, but that it was the firstling of the flock. (Gen. 4:3)**

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- Jesus said to the church at Ephesus:
  - *"You have left your first love"*
- II Corinthians 8
- Colossians 1

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- **It is this one thing that is responsible for everything else:**
  - **The movement of God from first place.**

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### **Problem:**

- **We want the things without the “*first*”.**

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- **People have misnamed God.**
  - **They call him God, but he is only good for visitations on Sundays.**
  - **The result is a visiting experience and not a first place (class) relationship.**



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- **God must not only be acknowledged as God, he must be treated as God.**

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### Matthew 6:33

**<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

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- **If we get this right, we won't have a challenge free life, but we will have a kingdom aligned life.**

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### Matthew 6:21

**<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.**

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- **God will not be the thing when nothing else has worked.**

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People are seeking first *their*:

- Kingdom
- Dreams
- Desires
- Aspirations

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- **You become a kingdom Christian when God's agenda is first, when his perspective is first.**

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- **The key to kingdom success is the word “*first*”.**
  - **It is the prioritization of the rule of God in our lives.**



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### Matthew 6:25

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

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### Matthew 6:31

**31 “Therefore do not worry,  
saying, ‘What shall we eat?’  
or ‘What shall we drink?’ or  
‘What shall we wear?’**

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### Matthew 6:34

**<sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.**

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- **When we miss that which is first, everything else hurts.**