

MAKING FIRST THINGS FIRST

How to _____ God _____

Matthew 6:33; Selected Scriptures

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1. You must _____ seek what _____ wants instead of what you've been focusing on.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) – But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Seek –

Acts 17:28 (ESV) – for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

2. You must make what _____ wants your _____.

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First –

A. The _____ of _____

B. The _____ of _____

Romans 10:3 (ESV) – For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Ephesians 4:14 (ESV) – so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

3. You need to realize GOD will give you _____ you need when you make what God _____ your _____.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) – But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) - Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

James 2:5 (ESV) – Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

Deuteronomy 4:29 (ESV) – But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

2 Samuel 22:2-3 (NKJV) - And he said: "The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence.

Psalms 91:2 (ESV) - I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Questions to Consider

1. What are some things people set as priorities for their lives?
2. Do priorities change as people get older? Explain
3. What priorities does Jesus say you should have in life?

4. What is the difference between worrying about the future and trusting God for your future?
5. Is it difficult or easy to intentionally seek what God wants instead of what you've been focusing on? Explain
6. What must you do to ensure that God's priority for living is your priority?
7. What will God do for you when you have the correct priority and perspective of life and God? (Matthew 6:33b)
8. How does knowing God will take care of you help you to trust God?
9. What has happened in your past that can help you trust God today?
10. What steps will you take today to change your priorities from worldly ones to kingdom ones?