

Devotional Thought

Week of April 27, 2008

THEME: Seek God First

<p>"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" <i>Matthew 6:33</i></p>

To word "seek" means to go after; to strive; to pursue; to desire; to aim at; to endeavor to get. When many of us hear this Bible verse we think "*seek first*" means that we should prioritize things in our lives to be in first, second, or third place. We have often heard it said, "***Put God first, family second, and the job third,***" and many people try to order their lives in this fashion. Those who have this understand of this scripture miss the point of what the Master is saying to us. Jesus is saying that we should not be preoccupied with the order of things in our lives but we should make God first and foremost in our lives.

The author of Proverbs wrote, "*In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths*" (Proverbs 3:6 NKJV). The author of Proverbs is saying that God will take care of those who acknowledge Him first. The suggestion is that we should in all things be mindful of God and serve Him with a willing and faithful heart.

When the Master says, "*seek first,*" He means that your relationship with Him should be so close that you check with Him before you move from one place to another. If God is first in your life He will put the things of your life in perfect order. .

When you "*seek God first*", He will be your guide, He will tell you when to invest time in the family and when to focus on the job. He will tell you when you are spending too much time at work and need to be home. He will warn you if you have not done enough with your children. He will even let you know when you need to get off of that sofa and go exercise. He will show you how to live you life in Him.

In the process, He will also keep you healthy and thinking and experiencing wholesome things that enrich your life.

WHO ARE YOU SEEKING TODAY? When you seek God's approval and affirmation, rather than the approval of others, you will be set free.

Pray this prayer today: Father God, I want to acknowledge You in ALL that I do. I know that You will direct my paths. I do not want it to be a "religious" thing where I always "check my priorities." I want it to be as natural as breathing. Lord, I am seeking after YOU. Amen.

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