

# “First Things First”

- Matthew 19:16-22 -

- A. **Are your priorities in the right order?** Without paying attention, our priorities can be shifted. Being honest enough to admit it is not easy...
- B. What is most important to you? Is it what we **know should be** most important but isn't? Do you say that spiritual interests are your priority although by your practice, they are not (**Heb 4:12,13; Matt 7:21**)
- C. God does not judge priorities based upon theory or plan but by **Our Practice**...

## 1. What Would Others Say Are \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. Do others know our priorities better than we know ourselves?
- B. Jesus told the man in Matthew 19 something about himself he did not see...

## 2. What Do \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. Consider **Matt 12:35; 15:17-20; and Prov 23:7**
- B. What you think about chances are you do (**Matt 6:22-24**)?

## 3. What Do We \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. **Eph 4:25,29** . You can tell if a person has a spiritual or moral priority if his/her speech is pure and edifying...
- B. What is the content of many conversations you have?

## 4. How Do We \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. **Eph 5:15-17** . Is there ever enough time? The way we use our time displays our priorities...
- B. The improper placement of priority results in laziness, procrastination, excuses, and lack of planning...

## 5. How Do We \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. The honorable way to spend money - **Eph 4:28; 1 Tim 5:8**
- B. Will you spend less money on spiritual things and more money on material things? Are we serious about the Lord being our priority?

## 6. What \_\_\_\_\_ When We Face A \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. **Scheduling conflicts** annoy us when they conflict with our priorities, because we have to sacrifice one thing for another.
- B. Is the Lord our first consideration? (**Matt 6:33; 16:24**)...
- C. When priorities collide, we learn who we are and if the Lord truly reigns supreme in our life...

## 7. How Do I Know - Honestly What My \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. It is by looking at what I am actually doing with my life and the direction I am taking (**Rom 6:16**).  
Look at **Matthew 6:19-24**.
- B. You cannot go all out for one thing and truthfully claim some thing else is more important. What is most important to you? Not what should be, but what is?