

“Seek First The Kingdom”

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

What do you seek? What is it that you desire this very moment? Is it love from your spouse? Applause from your co-workers? Respect from your dog? Maybe you are hungry... Do you seek food and drink? What about that dream home? Do you seek a lower handicap on the golf course? Do you seek better health? When you slow down to examine all that you desire as a human, you may be surprised how vast the list is...

In fact, you may be intrigued by how far the most important thing (Almighty God) is down your “seeker list.” In a recent conversation with an old friend about Jesus’ words in Matthew 6:33 we both came to the sober realization of how far off we are at times in seeking “first the kingdom of God.” If we are sincere enough to admit it, many other things seem to get first place. Relationships within the family unit are great, but sometimes those become the top priority. Our hobbies, careers, and sources of entertainment can quickly rise to the top...

I am very much convinced of the two-edged sword that Matthew 6:33 proposes. First, and foremost if we are doing honest heart work under the gospel of Christ, we should eventually conclude that we didn’t seek Jesus like we should have yesterday (Romans 3:11). We aren’t seeking the priority of Jesus’ Kingdom advancement today as much as He calls us to... And unfortunately, there will be some tomorrows where in our flesh we will drop the ball at applying this verse... And so, what we all need considering Matthew 6:33 is grace! We need the Kingdom of God to come to us and gift us with righteousness and right standing before the Righteous Judge of Heaven. And through Jesus our Savior that is exactly what takes place when we put our faith in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).

And so, first off, this verse reminds us of our dire need for grace in light of God’s righteousness and kingdom... But it also pushes us deeper into God’s grace as we grow to become more like Him (2 Peter 3:18). In other words, through God’s grace and power at work within our life we can actually take aim at seeking “first the kingdom of God.” Will we be perfect? Of course, not... But we will hopefully have a better perspective. We will hopefully shuffle up our priorities a little bit for the better good. And we will begin to see true transformation and growth in godliness through our daily walks with King Jesus.

And so, I challenge you this week to make Matthew 6:33 your memory verse. Read, meditate, pray through, and watch Jesus use these sacred words for your good and His glory. Abide in His grace and “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” Blessings!

Respect the Blood,
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