But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33



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What Does Your Heart Seek?

2023 began with joy, encouragement, some moments of grief, and a few challenges, already! Our God is always at work, even when we can't see it. We have started a new journey in God's Word together at **Clark Fork Fellowship**. So, let's assess our perspective and see if it lines up with the Word of God, the Bible.

Matthew 6:24-34

1. In all of life there is always—only—the choice between two masters: God or the world. We cannot serve two masters at the same time:

<u>Verse 24</u>: No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

In a "nut shell", "You can't date Jesus and run around with the devil; Jesus is either your One and Only Lord and Master, or He's not your Lord and Master at all." I must ask honestly, does my heart seek to only serve God or do I long for other things? *Verse 24* tells me I really can't have it both ways!

- 2. Within His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks against worrying over *things*, because it pulls us apart and keeps us from trusting in God alone. Worry is sinful. See <u>Verse: 25, 30</u>: ²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
- ³⁰ Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Clearly we are to seek the *things of God* as a **priority** over the *things of the world*. Primarily, it means we are to seek the salvation that is inherent in the kingdom of God because it is of far greater value than all the world has to offer. Does this mean that we should neglect the reasonable and daily duties that help sustain our lives? Certainly not. But for the Christian, there should be a difference in attitude toward them.

3. Seeking God's Kingdom first is to deliberately submit to His will and His way in *all* of life. Trust Him and serve Him as your sole priority and just know, <u>He's always got your back</u>. <u>Verse: 33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.</u>

If we are taking care of God's business as a priority—**seeking** His salvation, **living** in obedience to Him, and **sharing** the good news of the kingdom with others—then He will take care of our business as He promised—and if that's the arrangement, of what value is worrying?

This is a lot to take in, understand, and implement into our lives. But, *verse 33* is an amazing reminder of what can be our perspective, as it is His. What Does My Heart Seek? What Does Your Heart Seek?



Joy of Fellowship

It is always a joy to have fellowship with one another, especially around the table! What a wonderful time we had on January 15th as we gathered downstairs, which still needs some work, for lunch and time to get to know one another. So thankful for Jason, Christina, Jordan, Allison, Zoey, JJ, Tom, Jamie, Chancey, Beau, Samuel, Pastor, Alana, and Sarah who enjoyed the food and visiting around the tables and we might be ready for more! And a Big Thank You to those who helped clean up.

⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7





Need for Prayer:

Please pray with us for:

- Families who have lost loved ones this last month
- Superior Senior Center group
- Pray Clark Fork
 Fellowship will point people
 to Jesus (John 12:32) and take
 opportunity to serve outside the walls
- **Terra Nova Schools**, Kampala Uganda
- The Lord will restore those who know Him and draw those who need Him
- Mineral County, Montana, USA and the world

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up.

Psalm 5:3

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