

What Takes Priority in Your Life?



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Many good people who consider themselves Christians are convinced they are going to heaven but they are sadly mistaken. Even though they are not indulging in gross sin of any kind and are doing many good deeds, their zeal for good things has pushed aside the things of God.

Becoming so engrossed in building your business, advancing your career, providing for your family can take you away from pursuing the deeper things of the spiritual life. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). This is not a suggestion, it is a commandment. Jesus was saying, "If you seek the Lord first, he will take care of all the things you're toiling over. But you must make him your primary focus!"

The apostle Paul said, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2-3). Again, this is not a suggestion but a commandment. The meaning is, "Direct your focus, or interests, on things above. Set your attention and concentration single-mindedly on the things of God — immovable, intractable."

God does not demand that we sell our possessions, quit our jobs and become like monks, giving ourselves completely to meditation and prayer. But he does require that we choose to spend time in the Word and in prayer. He also says we are to gather together with fellow believers: "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

What takes priority in your life? Who does the waiting in your life: your personal endeavors/pleasures or the Lord? This is a personal choice! We must heed the warnings of Scripture lest we become so busy that we neglect the most important thing — time in his presence, seeking his face and growing in him.

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