



DISCIPLES OF JESUS **“Disciples and Priorities” Matthew 6:19-34**

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Having addressed aspects of the private life – praying, fasting and giving – Jesus taught about the public life of a disciple – practical matters like finance, fitness, fashion, future – and showed how they require careful thought, sound decisions and clear priorities.

I. Examining Our Priorities.

- A. Our existing anxieties – food, fashion, fitness, future. vv. 25, 27, 30, 34
- B. Our present activities – “run after these things.” v. 32

II. Evaluating Our Fundamental Priorities.

- A. Do I want to live for myself or something grander? – “store for yourself” v.19
- B. Do I want to be materialistic or spiritual? – “where your treasure is” v. 21
- C. Do I want to focus on temporal issues or eternal realities? vv. 22, 23
- D. Do I want to be governed by God or Mammon? v. 24
- E. Jesus summarized, directed his disciples to “*seek first the Kingdom.*” v. 33
- F. Then added “therefore don’t worry!” v. 25 – But why?
- G. Because when priorities are right, needs will be met – “given to you as well.”

III. Establishing Our Priorities.

- A. First, the Kingdom must be ENTERED. Matthew 5:20, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 18:3, Matthew 19:23
- B. Second the Kingdom must EXPRESSED. “Kingdom and *righteousness*” v. 33
“The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace and joy in the holy spirit.” Romans 14:17
- C. Secular living is about what is comfortable, profitable and fashionable.
- D. Kingdom living is about what is good, right and true.
- E. Disciples are presented with choices regularly:
 - 1. What if what is “right” is not profitable?
 - 2. What if what is “good” is not comfortable?
 - 3. What if what is “true” is not fashionable?
- F. Third, the Kingdom must be EXPANDED. Matthew 24:14

Points to ponder: Jesus did not say our concerns are *unimportant*; they are not *all important*; *the Kingdom is* and everything else is *less important!*

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