

A composite image featuring Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam' and the text 'first things'. The background is a light, textured grey with a dark, starry vertical strip on the left. The text 'first things' is written in a bold, orange, lowercase sans-serif font, centered horizontally. The hands from the original painting are superimposed on the text: the hand on the right is positioned over the 'i' and 'n' of 'things', and the hand on the left is positioned over the 'f' and 'i' of 'first'.

first things

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)

Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

first things



Matthew 6:5-6 (NKJV)

And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 6:7-13 (NKJV)

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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The foundation upon which you build your house, determines the success, the viability, the efficiency, and the greatness of that house.

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If we are going to have a prayer life, we are going to have to DENY some things and DECIDE some things.

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Even when nothing is happening on earth,
heaven heard you.

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If you want to have a blessed life,
you've got to have a prayer life.

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I'd rather be known in heaven and hated in hell than to have the approval and applause of people.

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Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)

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Shutting the door is just as important as prayer itself.

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The people who walk in great reward are the people who made great decisions and denied great things in order to spend time with the Father.

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If you want to do
what everybody wants to do
while everybody's looking,
you've first got to do
what nobody wants to do
while nobody's looking.

first things



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The Lord's prayer is not a magic formula,
it's a model.

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A detail from Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam' is shown in the bottom right corner. The image focuses on the two hands reaching toward each other: the hand of God on the right and the hand of Adam on the left. The text 'first things' is overlaid in a bold, orange font across the gap between the two hands.

Ephesians 2:18 (NKJV)

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

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