Begin with God

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1. **Commit to Follow God**

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- **Christians means followers of Christ**,

- **God has to be your first priority**

Matthew NKJV 6:[33] But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

2. **The Focus**

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3. **Check your investment**

Matthew NKJV 16: [26] For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

- **What is your price for losing your soul?**

Matthew NKJV 4:[8] Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

4. **Get your reward**

Matthew 16:[27] For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

- **Live in the expectation of being rewarded by God, (It belongs to you)**

Hebrews NKJV 11:⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Close:
- Commit; Set the order in the beginning
- Keep your focus
- Check your investment, don't be distracted by worldly pursuits
- Expect to be rewarded