

Question 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

Answer: **That we are not our own but belong**, body and soul, both in life and death, **to God** and to our Savior Jesus Christ.





Time - Talents - Treasures

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Colossians 1:16



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5. All stewards will be held accountable.



19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'



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24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'



²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.



28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



6. Stewards who use well what they are given are rewarded with expanding opportunities, both now, and in the future kingdom, whereas those who do little to nothing, even what little they have, will be taken away.





Time



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¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-16



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David said, Show me, LORD, my life's end, and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. Psalm 39:4





Jesus is a great example of this.

He said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."

John 4:34





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³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.



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³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

Balancing

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

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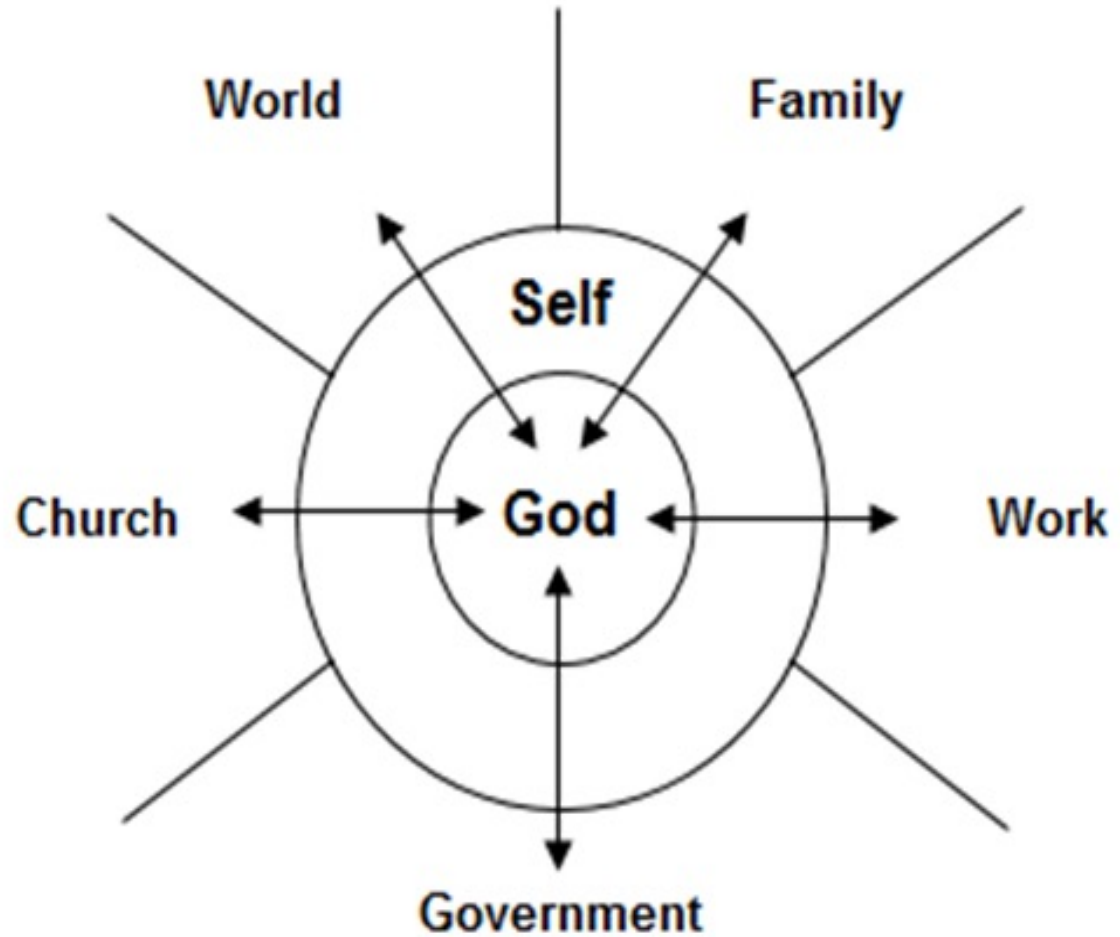
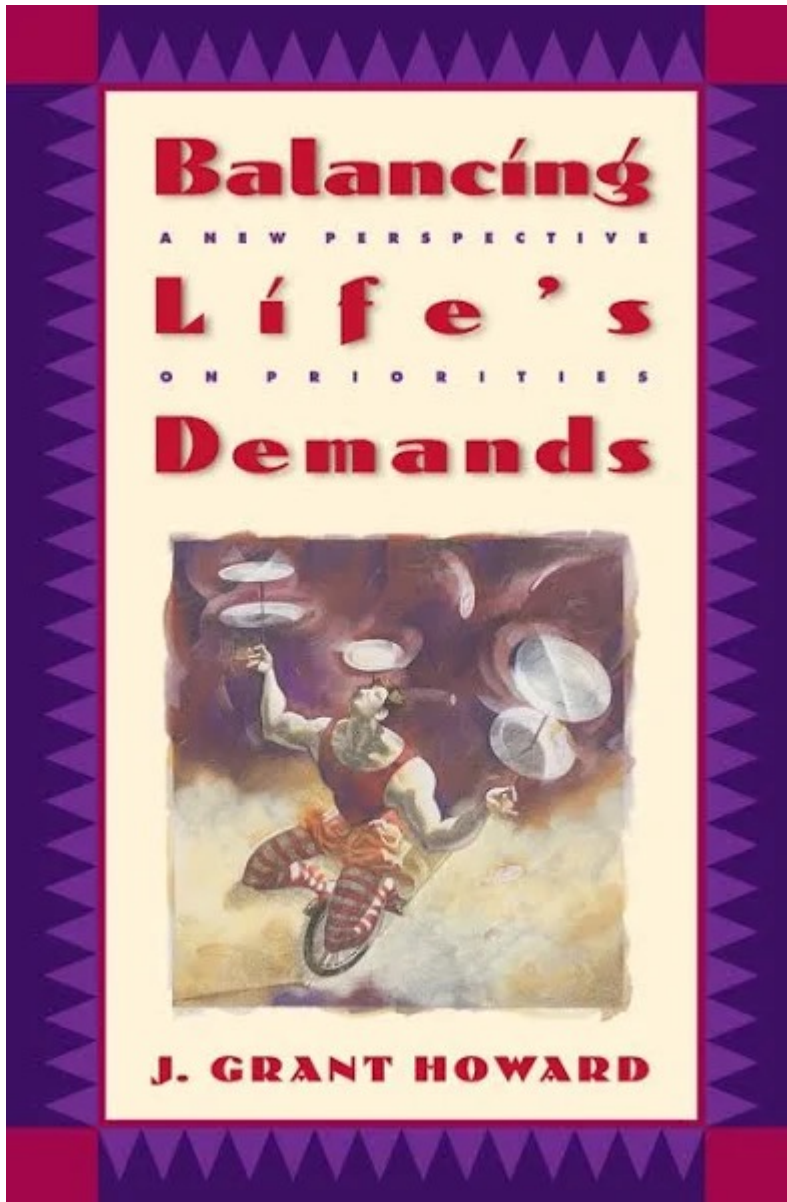
ON PRIORITIES

Demands



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REGAINING FOCUS

1. In a moment of prayer or reflection, when I believe that I am failing to properly steward an areas of obligation, then it is time for that area to get more of my attention.



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2. When someone in my life reminds me that I am putting too much focus on one thing, then it is time to re-evaluate what I am doing. Sometimes that reminder comes from my wife or a friend who sees me being out of balance.



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3. When the wrong area of my life becomes the place where I find my greatest joy. I should find joy in my marriage, in my children, in my work, and in all that I do. But above all things, I should be finding my greatest joy in the Lord Jesus. If I miss that, then it is time for a refocus.