

Sermon Notes - July 3rd, 2022

“First Things First! Genuine Love” – Mark 12:28-30 (NASB)

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Intro:

What Makes a Difference?

What’s Most Important in life? In *any* life? In *your* life?

- I. **What’s Most Important to God?—Jeremiah 9:23-24**
 - A. What’s NOT Priority?
 - B. What should be OUR Priority?
 - C. What are GOD’S Priorities?

- II. **What’s Most Important to Jesus, the God-Man?—Mark 12:28-30**
 - A. What?—Mark 12:28-30
 - B. How?—Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- III. **Watch Out!**
 - A. Deceptions—Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Timothy 6:17; 1 John 5:21
 - B. Distractions—Luke 12:15
 - C. Destroyers—Mark 4:19
 - D. Developers—Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6-7

- IV. **Priorities for a Local Church**
 - A. Top of the List—Acts 6:4
 - B. Priority of Praying—1 Timothy 2:1-8
 - C. Devoted—Colossians 4:2-6

- V. **First Things First**
 - A. Christ is First—Colossians 1:18
 - B. Seeking His Kingdom is First—Matthew 6:33
 - C. One Way to spell “Genuine Love” is “T.I.M.E.”
 - D. “*Pray First-Plan Second*”
 - E. Daily Order—1) First a Visit, 2) With a Verse, 3) And a Voice

Two Take-Homes:

1. **Thought: Our Time**

- “Ours is a harder task than that which our fathers faced. Their conveniences and appliances were fewer, but they were not caught and often submerged in the rush of affairs as we are. We have many labor-saving and time-saving devices, but somehow we find it difficult to save time enough ...for private meditation and prayer...While we make our homes more beautiful externally than our fathers with their limited means were ever able to do, can we make them also the abode of virtue, honor and love...?”

2. **Action: Our Schedule—Visit, Verse, Voice**