

I. REVIEW

A. Everyone Needs a Reset

1. Reset Definition: *A series of actions to restore back to order; to make necessary adjustments; to restore back to initial or proper position.*
2. Reset is God's plan for course correction.
 - Everyone will need course correction to arrive at their destination.
3. Last Week's Session: The Attention Reset

II. THE PRIORITY RESET

A. **Priority Definition:** *Priority means how important something is compared to other things, especially in deciding what should be done first.*

Prioritize Definition: *To decide what is important and to do that first!*

"First things first": *To take care of the most important or urgent things before anything else.*

B. **Everyone has an internal list of priorities that is constantly working in their mind. Whether you are aware of it or not, you ARE prioritizing.**

C. **When our priorities are right, they will improve our lives and take us toward our goals.**

1. We must choose to prioritize.
2. God must be our highest priority.
 - Nothing else will work effectively if God isn't in the #1 priority place.
 - When God comes first, everything else will begin to fall into place.
3. Distractions are the #1 enemy of good priorities.
 - a. Satan will always strategize to move spiritual things downward on your priority list.
 - b. His #1 weapon is distraction.
 - Distractions stand in the way of what matters most.
 - Distractions derail us from the highest priorities.
 - Distractions function as a thief—stealing from us our focus on what really matters.

4. Jesus' warning about distractions:

- **Mark 4:18-19**

NKJV "Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."

- **Matthew 6:33**

ESV "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

CEV "But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well."

- a. What consumes our time is what we really value.

- **Luke 12:34**

NKJV "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Priorities reveal where your treasure is!*

- b. **Quote from Page 29 of Pastor Dale's book, *RESET*:**

"Sometimes we deceive ourselves into thinking certain things have value. How do we identify what we consider valuable? Check and see what you give your time, energy, and attention to. If you have no priorities attached to something, then you have no real value attached to it either."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *I know what you love by the priorities I see working in your life! ACTION IS A TRUE EXPRESSION OF OUR PRIORITIES.*

5. Choosing the right priorities:

- a. We get to choose what is a priority in our life.

- b. The command to make right choices is a biblical theme.

- **Deuteronomy 30:19**

NKJV "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live."

- **Joshua 24:15**

NKJV "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

- **Psalm 119:30**
NKJV “I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid *before me*.”
- c. My choices do NOT have to align with my feelings.
 - Too many set their priorities based upon the feelings and desires of the flesh.
 - When I am resetting my priorities, my choices may go entirely against my feelings.
 - OBEDIENCE OVER FEELING
 - Many are waiting upon feeling to reset priorities in their life.
 - Feelings will follow the right action.
- d. Practical daily priorities that will enhance your life:
 - Going to work or school when you’d rather stay in bed.
 - Exercising even when you feel lazy.
 - Praying or reading Scripture when you don’t feel like it.
 - Showing up for church when it isn’t convenient or the flesh desires to do other things.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *A priority reset will likely require your resistance to what the flesh desires and patterns that have already been developed.*

- e. Discipline required:
 - **1 Corinthians 9:27**
KJV “But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

NLT “I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”

GNT “I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control, to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest.”

MSG “I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got. No lazy living for me! I’m staying alert and in top condition. I’m not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The Apostle Paul had strict priorities. However, to fulfill his assignment he had to work against the distractions of his flesh continually to keep his priorities right.*