

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. **There are times in my life that I need a reset.**
3. **Isaiah 54:11-14 (GWT)** – ¹¹*You suffering, comfortless, storm-ravaged city! I will rebuild your city with precious stones. I will reset your foundations with sapphires. ¹²I will rebuild your towers with rubies, your gates with sparkling stones, and all your walls with precious stones.” ¹³All your children will be taught by the LORD, and your children will have unlimited peace. ¹⁴You will be established in righteousness. You will be far from oppression, so you will not be afraid. You will be far from destruction, so it won't come near you*

B. Reset Your Attention

II. Reset Your Priorities

A. Priorities Definition

1. Something that is a priority is regarded or treated as more important.
2. First and utmost consideration.
3. Something that is considered more important than other things.
4. “Get your priorities straight”.
5. When something is a priority you are willing to put in the extra time and effort.

B. The Importance of Priorities

1. Our ability to move forward and accomplish our goals in life depends on what we decide to prioritize.
2. Unless we identify what are going to be the priorities in our life, we will live an unfocused life that never reaches the fulfillment stage. (Fulfillment – feeling of completeness – completion – fullness)
3. If our priorities veer off course, our life doesn't reach the fullness/abundant life status.
4. It is important to know what our priorities are.
5. It is necessary to RESET our priorities when other things attempt to shift our attention away from the priorities in our life.

In the parable of the of the seed/sower, Jesus warned about how the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things could choke the Word of God and keep it from producing in your life. *Distracted by the cares/business/love of other things – WRONG PRIORITIES*

6. Everyone will need a Priority Reset!

C. What does the Bible say about our priorities?

1. **Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)** – *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you*

Matthew 6:33 (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.*

2. **Luke 12:34 (NKJV)** – *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*

- a. Priorities reveal what you treasure.
- b. What you treasure guides your heart.
- c. From your heart – are the issues of life.

D. The Priorities of Jesus

1. Prayer and Fellowship with the Father.

2. Obedience to the Father.

- a. Even unto the death of the cross.
- b. I only say what I hear my Father say.
- c. I only do what I see my Father do.

3. Love and Compassion.

- a. Compassion for the crooked tax collector.
- b. Compassion for a woman caught in adultery.
- c. Compassion for a known sinner woman who washed his feet.
- d. Jesus compassion wasn't an act of convenience or emotion, it was a choice – a priority in His life.

4. Giving

- a. Jesus gave himself as an offering for our sin.
- b. Jesus had a treasurer who gave.

5. Serving

- a. Jesus took on the role of a servant and washed his disciples' feet.
- b. He didn't ask someone else to do what He himself was not willing to do.

6. Jesus understood priorities

- a. He would Please the Father by having the right priorities.
- b. He would fulfill His mission through the right priorities.

E. What about my priorities?

1. Quote – “Action is an expression of Priorities.”

We see the priorities of Jesus in His actions!

We can see our own priorities in our actions!

If there are no consistent actions, we might be deceiving ourselves into thinking things are a priority when they really are not!

- a. If you think your future is important, but you do not invest time, energy and finances into it.
- b. You think education is important, but you never make the time to enroll or get started.
- c. You think family is important, but you never prioritize for family time.
- d. You think God is important, but you do not make Bible reading, prayer or church a priority.
- e. No actions = No real priorities!
- f. Our priorities are speaking through our actions – the things that are consuming our time – focus – energy. *These are our real priorities!*
- g. Wake Up Call!!!
 - *“I don’t really know what my priorities are’.*
 - *Where are you spending your time?*
 - *What are you spending time doing?*
 - *That’s your priorities!*

2. When do my priorities need a Reset?

- a. When I am busy but not productive.
- b. When I am consumed with many things but not the right things.
- c. When God isn’t first anymore.
- d. When my life is in chaos running on a crash course.
- e. Everyone will need to reset priorities from time occasionally.

3. Jesus initiates Resets

- a. **Luke 10:38-42 (NKJV)** – ³⁸Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴²But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.
- b. Martha was distracted with much serving.
- We must guard against distractions.
 - Distractions are the enemy of priorities.
 - Distraction – a thing that prevents someone from giving full attention to something else.
 - Most of the time our priorities veer off course when we are distracted by something else.
 - If we are going to keep our priorities straight, we must guard against distractions!
 - Martha's distractions were needful things in her eyes.
 - Martha's distractions were not evil- they just weren't supposed to be the MAIN THING. *Your priorities will never be right until you can determine what is the MAIN THING.*
 - Vs 42 – One thing is needed – Resetting your priorities may require you to reduce your list of necessary things – Jesus says, JUST ONE THING is needed.
Can you identify the ONE Thing or FEW THINGS that will be needed to accomplish your goals in life?

III. Making priorities work for you!

A. Prioritize Priorities

1. **God:** Nothing will work out right when God isn't the top priority in our lives.

2. Family
3. Personal Goals
4. Reset Your priorities to prioritize the things that are necessary for your success/victory!
5. Don't allow the enemy to throw you off course!
6. Keep the main thing the main thing!
 - a. Satan is a master at resetting your reset!

*When your top priorities begin to shift – to a lower status on your list, they cease to be a priority in your life.
Watch out for movement on your daily list!*
 - b. Paul disciplines his flesh daily!

B. Little by Little

1. One of the greatest reasons priorities are shifted or lost is the lack of progress.
2. We set our goals and priorities but when we don't see immediate progress, we allow ourselves to be thrown off course.
3. **Exodus 23:27-30 (NKJV)** – ²⁷*I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.* ²⁸*And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.* ²⁹*I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.* ³⁰*Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.*
4. God says, I am going to work on your behalf – little by little *In degrees – gradually – progressively – bit by bit – step by step sometimes unnoticeably.*

5. If you will keep your priorities straight – there is a pay day coming.
Harvest time always comes!

IV. Closing Statement: Make sure that God is the first priority in your life. If He isn't, nothing else will work for you!