

Christopublicrats - Jesus First

Deuteronomy 6:1-15; 1 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 16:10-15

First things _____: building a fire, baking _____, packing a parachute, all need to be done in the proper order to function properly. The same is true for our lives.

Channeling my inner _____: An unexpected (_____) journey - there and back again.

The 5 characteristics of the unique human community created by the early Church gives us good grounds to _____, even _____ both political parties.

Jesus wasn't a Democrat, nor a Republican. If we are to be civically engaged, perhaps we should consider being _____.

First things _____! The Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:36-38; Mark 12:28-30; Luke 10:27) tells us to put the LORD first. He should get all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. All means _____.

If someone were to _____ our lives, would they come away thinking we are even in the ballpark on this?

Why should we put Jesus first in our lives?

We are far less _____, informed, and wise than we think we are.

He demonstrated himself to be far more _____ than anyone else.

He _____ for you!

He _____ for you! Sin, Satan, and death are _____!

He sits at the right hand of the _____, in charge of the universe!

He is far more _____ than your job, money, fame, fishing, football, politics...even your _____.

When we don't put Jesus first, _____ starts to fall apart.

St. Augustine taught us that sin, suffering, and dysfunction was rooted in disordered _____. Our hearts long for the love and affection of the _____ and the transcendent. Only Christ can satisfy this longing.

"You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." - St. Augustine

Loving different things in our lives with inappropriate _____ ruins all the things we love, because when we love anything else first we will do anything to _____ it.

With Jesus first, he has already given himself _____ to us. We are simply called to honor him in all we do.

When we do, not only do we experience the spiritual fulfillment and satisfaction we eagerly yearn for, but he helps us more fully _____ everything else as we properly order our other loves.

Jesus put God first and in so doing _____ you, and God raised him from the dead!

Is Jesus first in your life?

What kinds of things are pushing Jesus out of first place?

How is it ruining your spiritual health and your other loves?

How is God calling you to more firmly place Jesus first?

What are you doing to DO about it?