

I Resolve to Put God First*Pastor Tom Johnson*

Matthew 6:33 "... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

1. Break the Grip of the RIP!

- a) Drift is Subtle
- b) **WORRY** = Double-Minded (Matthew 33:25-34)
 - UN-Resolved
 - UN-Prepared
 - Un-Realistic Goals
 - False Hope Syndrome

"When God is one priority among many, drift is inevitable."

2. Choose Intentional Devotion Over Spiritual AUTOPILOT

- a) Spiritual autopilot substitutes routine for relationship (Proverbs 3)
- b) Devotion must be chosen before it can be sustained
- c) Passion fades when pursuit becomes passive

"When God is first, everything else follows."

3. Order Your LIFE Around Relationship – Not Religion, Urgency, or Habit

- a) Urgency shouts; devotion whispers (Psalm 127:1-2)
- b) Habits form around convenience, not conviction
- c) What we schedule reveals what we truly serve
 - Prayer
 - Scripture
 - Fellowship
 - Serving Others

"Alignment begins when God sets the agenda—not the calendar."

4. Recalculating

- a) Reset, Don't Quit
- b) Be Kind
- c) Set SMART Goals
- d) Find a Group

"If God isn't the compass, URGENCY becomes the steering wheel."

Reflection Questions

1. **Where have you noticed spiritual drift in your life—not through rebellion, but through inattention?**
(What slowly shifted God from the center to the margins?)
 2. **What currently sets the rhythm of your days—urgency, habit, or devotion?**
(How does your schedule reveal what is actually first?)
 3. **In what area of your life has God become one priority among many rather than the priority that orders everything else?**
(Work, family, finances, relationships, rest, or spiritual practices?)
 4. **Where might you be operating on spiritual autopilot instead of intentional pursuit?**
(What would it look like to re-engage that area with purpose this week?)
 5. **If God truly became first—not just important, but central—what would need to change immediately?**
(One decision, habit, or boundary you sense God prompting you to address.)
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