



ReFocus on My Priorities

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Truths about time...

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Psalm 90:12, Ephesians 5:15-16, Acts 13:36

- Time is our **MOST PRECIOUS** resource and something we are to manage well
- Everyone gets the same **168 HOURS** in a week; productive people just use them more **EFFECTIVELY**
- There are two ways to look at time - **CHRONOS** and **KAIROS**
 - ◊ Question: Does your season/stage of life (Kairos) match how you are currently trying to spend your days (Chronos)?
- **TOMORROW**, most of us will *feel like* we had more time than **TODAY!**
- We all make time for what is **IMPORTANT**, **PRIORITIES** matter!
- The way you **START** your day is key

Reality regarding priorities...

- I have **RESPONSIBILITIES**
 - ◊ King & Kingdom *Luke 14:25-33; Matthew 6:33*
 - ◊ Family *Ephesians 5:23-6:4; 1 Timothy 5:8*
 - ◊ Work *1 Thessalonians 4:11; Ephesians 4:28*
 - ◊ Possessions *Proverbs 27:23-27*
 - ◊ and **OPTIONS**
- I **CHOOSE** what happens and my choices come with **CONSEQUENCES** *Proverbs 19:3; 9:12; Galatians 6:7-8; Ephesians 5:15-17*

With so many things competing for my time and attention, how do I choose the right priorities?

- Learn to choose **SMARTER** and prioritize based on **BIBLICAL VALUES**
Ephesians 5:15; Ecclesiastes 10:10; Psalms 90:12

My Overall Goal: To seek God's **PRIORITIES** in God's **WAY** *Matthew 6:33; Colossians 1:9-10; 3:2; Ecclesiastes 2:26a*

Memory Verse

"God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please him..."

Ecclesiastes 2:26a NLT

My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize Ecclesiastes 2:26a
- Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- Today, I'm learning/remembering _____ and with God's help I will _____.
- I'll _____



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The Kingdom Shift: Priorities/Values

	Usual Value Scale	Biblical Value Scale
Focus	Me First <i>Luke 9:59</i>	God First <i>Matthew 22:27-28</i>
#1 Priority	My Desires - To get as much as I can of "what I want most" <i>Ephesians 2:3</i>	God's Desires - To do what pleases God: trust Him & obey <i>1 John 2:17</i>
#2 Priority	Enough - To "get what I want" - enough money, time, space, dates, mates, friends, skills, security, prestige, emotional leverage, people obligated to me <i>Matthew 6:31-32</i>	People - I treat them rightly, whether they are dates, mates, kids, Christ-followers, coworkers, others, even enemies <i>Matthew 22:39</i>
#3 Priority	Personal Peace - To "not be hassled" in marriage, family, or schedule <i>1 Kings 20:19</i>	God's Kingdom moving forward - even at my inconvenience <i>Matthew 6:32-33; Acts 14:21-22</i>
#4 Priority	Work - The key to money and having what I want <i>Habakkuk 1:16</i>	Work - a means to earn money to take care of my responsibilities and give to others <i>1 Thessalonians 4:11-12</i>
#5 Priority	Family and Other Things	Other Responsibilities <i>Ephesians 4:28; 1 Corinthians 16:2</i>
#6 Priority	God's Desires - if time or money is left or a necessity arrives	My Desires <i>Psalms 37:4; Ecclesiastes 2:26</i>

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James 1:5; 4:2-3

Proverbs 12:15; 19:21

Proverbs 19:20

Revelation 3:8

Proverbs 14:16

Joshua 9:3-7, 12-16

Isaiah 55:8-9

Proverbs 10:14

1 Samuel 24:3-7,

Esther 4:16

Romans 12:2

Isaiah 5:21

13:7-11, 13-14

Hebrews 12:2

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Genesis 25:29-34

Romans 14:22-23

Colossians 3:15

Reflection Questions:

- What season/stage of life am I in right now?
- When did it start? When will it likely end?
- What are the unique stresses, blessings, benefits, and challenges of this season/stage?

Recommended Resources:

[Your Life in Rhythm](#) by Bruce Miller

[The Decision Train Message](#)