

## KINGDOM ALIGNED PRIORITIES

*Every one of us must answer an important question:*

“Where is God calling me to invest my time and energy?”

*Or stated otherwise:*

“What ought to be my priorities?”

Luke 12:16–21 (ESV)

And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

*Every one of us shares the same purpose in life:*

We are to know God and make Him known.

- **Understanding this purpose, we can rightly set our priorities by discovering what will bring the greatest RECOGNITION to God.**

*LAB:*

Take some time for a moment and write down your top five priorities.

*KEY QUESTION:*

Is there one or more priorities you need to change to align them with God’s will for you?

Matthew 16:26 (ESV)

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

- **Our ULTIMATE PRIORITY is to give ourselves to the God who created us.**

- **Setting up right priorities begins with everything else in RELATION to Christ.**

*LAB:*

Take a moment to consider each area of your life through the lens of the lordship of Christ.

*KEY QUESTION:*

What are the implications of this way of seeing?

Philippians 3:12–14 (ESV)

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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#### **GUIDELINES FOR SETTING PRIORITIES**

- ⇨ **Does it in one way or another glorify God?**
- ⇨ **Will it advance God’s will for me to be accomplished?**
- ⇨ **Will it in some way bless me and benefit others?**
- ⇨ **Will it stretch me to make a kingdom difference, rather than something that is safe and easy to do?**

**Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)**

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

**We should choose to focus first on KNOWING GOD and then to MAKE HIM KNOWN.**

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