

Sunday, July 21, 2013

## THE FREEDOM OF PRIORITIES

Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:25-35

Matthew 6:33 – *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

**SEEK – emphatic statement – present active tense**

**ZETEO – strive for / desire more than anything else**

**Put God first and keep Him first**

Luke 14:25-33 – *And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, <sup>26</sup> If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? <sup>29</sup> Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. <sup>33</sup> So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

**MISEO – to love less; a matter of priorities**

### I. Relocate the Spring

John 3:16 – *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

John 3:17-18 – *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. <sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 1:12 – *But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...*

John 10:10 – *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

## **Four-Way Test:**

### **1. Faith In Christ**

*John 3:3 – Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*John 14:6 – Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

### **2. Fellowship With Christ**

The difference between fellowship and relationship:

- Relationship – Position = Christian / Child of God
- Fellowship – Practice = Personal Activity

<p>My fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ makes meaningful my relationship with God.</p>
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### **3. Faithfulness To Christ**

*I Corinthians 4:2 – Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

### **4. Fruitfulness For Christ**

*John 15:5 – I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

## **II. Renew Our Seriousness About Life**

*I Corinthians 7:29-31 – But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; <sup>30</sup> And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; <sup>31</sup> And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.*