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***Power of Priorities***

Matthew 6:9-13

When you talk to God, one of the first things God will do is talk to you about your priorities. Why is this important? Because when the priorities of our lives get out of order then our lives get filled with s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & confusion. God has a cure for our confusion when we pray the prayer of Priorities.

What is God’s kingdom? In John 18:36, Jesus told Pilate, “My kingdom is n\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this world.”

God’s Kingdom can be described by 2 things:

► God’s Kingdom is God’s Rule over a\_\_\_\_\_ your life!

► God’s Kingdom is God’s Relationship with your life!

God’s kingdom is wherever Jesus is K\_\_\_\_\_ so if Jesus is king in your life, then the Kingdom of God is in your life.

■The PRINCIPLE: The Kingdom of God is wherever God’s w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is done.

There are 4 choices we make in our Prayer for Priorities:

I. TO REARRANGE YOUR PRIORITIES MEANS LETTING GO OF C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Every day we must choose who will be in control of our lives…us or God. How do you get the Lord’s help? P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… “Lord, I need your kingdom to rule over my life & priorities.”

Listen to Psalm 46:10, “Be s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & know that I am God.” The phrase “be still” literally means “let go” or “to stop your f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

II. TO REARRANGE YOUR PRIORITIES MEANS LEARNING C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No matter what you face in your life this week that you cannot control, are you still content in the Lord? Look at what Paul says in Philippians 4:11-13, *“I don’t say this out of need, for I have l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be* *content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. 13 I am able to do all things through Him (Christ) who strengthens me.”*

Here is the way it works: You can let uncontrollable circumstances d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the level of your contentment with the Lord and your life OR you can let your contentment in the Lord and your life dictate your r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to uncontrollable circumstances.

You Pray the Prayer of Priorities: *“God I do not need an explanation. What I need in the middle of this test of uncontrollable circumstances is your p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If I have your presence, I’ll be content.” (Ps. 37:7a)*

III. TO REARRANGE YOUR PRIORITIES MEANS LAYING DOWN YOUR C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why do your problems not cooperate with your plans & calendar?

A) We all make bad c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B) We all have an enemy named S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C) We live in an imperfect world of sin

We must become unselfish and be more like Jesus! John shows us this 1 John 3:16, “This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our brothers.”

How do you lay down your plans & calendar? Live your life to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God & others

IV. REARRANGING OUR PRIORITIES MEANS LIVING FOR C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We decide that right now today I will live for Jesus & let the results of my life be up to Him. In Proverbs 3:5-6 we learn this truth: *“T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; 6 think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.”*