

## **A GOD FIRST LIFE**

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Gen 1:1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1. Without God our lives would still be in darkness and without from and void of happiness, and with the presence of God in our lives.

## **A GOD OF DIVINE ORDER**

1. The Worlds were framed by the Word of God (Hebrews 11:3).
2. When I consider the heavens

Psa 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Psa 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

3. **The order of our solar system:** Our solar system consists of the sun, nine planets (and their moons) an asteroid belt, and many comets and meteors. The sun is the center of our solar system; the planets, over 61 moons, the asteroids, comets, meteoroids and other rocks and gas **all orbit the sun.**

**WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT HAS QUICKLY GONE OUT OF ORBIT**

**TO KEEP MY LIFE IN THE PROPER ORDER AND ORBIT, GOD MUST BE NUMBER ONE**

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

1. We must make GOD our first in importance. Everything else must give way before his demands.
2. He must be *first* in our affections, have our whole hearts. We must "love the Lord our God with the whole heart"

Mat 22:36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

3. **The Bible is not a book of do's and don'ts but it is a book of First and Lasts. God cannot be your Omega if He is not your Alpha. Our life is incomplete without Him.**
4. Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

### **A LIFE OF LEAVING AND CLEAVING**

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, **shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**

Mat 19:30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

### **GOD MUST BE FIRST IN**

1. **Put God first in your Thoughts and Conversation:**

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Col 4:6 Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Tit 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

**That cannot be condemned** - Such as cannot be shown to be weak, or unsound; such that no one could find fault with it, or such as an adversary could not take hold of and blame. This direction would imply purity and seriousness of language.

## 2. **Put God first in your attendance to the House of God:**

Psa 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

Psa 27:4 **One *thing* have I desired of the LORD**, that will I seek after; **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life**, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psa 27:5 : For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psa 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

Psa 137:2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

Psa 137:3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

Psa 137:4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?

Psa 137:5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

Psa 137:6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

## 3. **Put God first in your Meditation and Bible Reading:** (Love His Word)

Psa 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

4. **First in your Time and in your Worship: (Sunday and Midweek Service)**

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

5. **First in your Affection:**

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

1Ch 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

6. **God First in your Money:** (Honoring the Lord)

Pro 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Pro 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Act 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Act 10:4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, **Thy prayers and thine alms** are come up for a memorial before God.

- a. The man the pays \$10.00 on the \$100.00 that he earns and the man that pays \$100.00 on the thousand that he earns are honoring the Lord with their first fruits and will bring the blessings of God on their lives.
- b. Giving is not a money issue it is a faith issue. (Barns be full)

7. **God First in your Talent:**

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

- a. What is in thine hand?

Exo 4:2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

Exo 4:3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

8. **The Principle is not God First, But God Everything:** (like the song goes "I will give you all")

Mat 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Mat 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

- a. **This man, sold short term gain for long term gain:** This world offers us to sell our soul for short term gain, but when we surrender our life completely over to Him, **eternal blessings are coming our way!**

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

PUTTING GOD FIRST IS YOU'RE KEY TO SUCCESS; IF YOU EMBRACE THIS CHALLENGE OF PUTTING GOD FIRST; YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL REAP THE MANY BENEFITS.