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Putting God First

Introduction

- Putting God first is difficult and challenging because we are busy people
- Many distractions and influences trying to get our attention
- They dictate our decisions especially if it is not one of our priorities
- The “Parrot Story”

- Luke 10:38-42 – story of Mary and Martha
- Martha demonstrated hospitality by preparing her home
- Mary demonstrated hospitality by sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him.
- A clash in priorities
- Jesus wants to be the top priority.

I. How can we put God first in our lives?

A. We must be fully committed to seeking
God's Kingdom first. Matthew 6:31-34

Many people put other things first:

- Some will put job or profession first
- Some will put the accumulation of wealth first
- Some will put pleasure first
- Some will put family first
- To put God first is to have Him as your Number ONE above all else. He will direct you in the way you need to go.

B. We must be fully committed to one another in Christ as community of believers and as children of God

- Titanic story
- We do not leave anybody behind
- We do not keep certain people out
- We do not live the Christian life alone
- We need one another, for encouragement, Christian love and more. I Peter 2:9

c. We must be committed to the work of Christ in the world

- 2Cor. 5:20 – as Christ’s ambassadors
- If the lost is to hear the Gospel, we must actively see that the Gospel is preached.
- We are His hands, and feet and mouth in our neighbourhoods, workplaces, activities and in our daily lives
- We are left behind to do the work
- If we don’t do it, who will?

II. Benefits Of Putting God First

- All these things shall be added to you.
- It means all our needs will be met.
- If you can trust God's promises for eternal life, you can trust God to meet your needs
- Psalms 37:25
- God is no robber to those who put Him first. He love to bless and blesses them well!

Conclusion

- Don't let our busyness cloud our judgment and mix up our priorities and forget our commitment to the work of Christ
- Intentionally make God the main thing and your number ONE focus.
- God will put everyone and everything else in proper perspective.