



Prioritizing is Everything

Job 7:6, 9:25; Psalm 90:1–6, 10–12

The Big Idea: Time is your most valuable asset. Invest it well. Invest it in something bigger than your lifetime.

The Bottom Line: Priority determines capacity.

Review:

Last week, we started with the idea that we spend more time looking at what time it is than what we do with our time. But looking at our time is actually a reminder that we are running out of time, and we decided to pray: “Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Introduction:

Today, I want to share the secret to getting the most out of your time. How do you expand your capacity?

The secret to getting more done is not adding or cramming. The secret to getting more done is prioritizing correctly because **priority determines capacity**.

Tension:

The problem is we don't put the big important things in first. Instead, we ...

1. Prioritize the urgent over the important.
2. Can't say no because we're addicted to doing.
3. We become what we live around. Prioritizing is hard when no one around you is prioritizing the right things.

BUT ... the main reason we don't put the big important things in first is that we've never stopped to determine or consider what's most important in the first place.

We haven't ever taken the time to determine what or who the big rocks are.

DISCLOSURES #1: If you aren't a follower of Jesus, then you have the option of sitting down and deciding what's most important and then prioritizing your life accordingly. And you should. You will be better for it.

DISCLOSURE #2: If you are a follower of Jesus, or considering it, you should know that the Bible (the Old and New Testaments) addresses this issue even deeper. In fact, we are told what we must prioritize first.

Truth:

God is the BIGGEST rock, and we are to put him first in our life.

Read: Psalm 18:31, Psalm 63:1, 119:10, Proverbs 28:5, Matthew 6:31-33.

“Seek,” “Seek first,” or “Trust in” means to make the will of God the organizing principle of your life. God is the first rock. God is the rock around which all the other rocks are prioritized, including relationships, money, friends, entertainment, plans, marriage, career, health, diet.

Application:

Give God the first segment of time every day as a reflection of surrender.

Conclusion:

You are seeking something first. There’s some organizing principle around which your time is prioritized. You should know what that is. Take time to figure out what you are putting first.

Not sure what that is?

Your wife, kids, and friends all know what that is, so if you don’t. Ask them.

What are you actually seeking first? Recognition, approval, fame, wealth, food, lower golf score, size 4, size 0, or 1,000 friends on Facebook? What is it?

I think we should seek all of those things. We are wired to seek all those things. I just don’t think we should seek any of those things FIRST.

When the God rock goes in first, it creates healthy limits on the others. It prioritizes the others.

You will not be less productive. You will be more balanced. Was Jesus unproductive? Look what he did in three years. Nobody will be quoting you in 2,000 years.

Your heavenly Father will not force his way into the center of your life. But, if you invite him there, it will make all the difference in your life. Because priority determines capacity.

Priority determines capacity. What's going in first?

Next Steps

- Memorize Matthew 6:33.
- Give God the first segment of time every day as a reflection of surrender.
- Pray Daily.
- Read God's Word Daily.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3.How do I apply this to my life?

4.If I could ask a question about this it would be....