

PRIORITIES OF LIFE

I. Mark 12:29 & Matt 6:33

A. **Def Priority:** The act or right of going ahead or before in order, place, rank, or time, whatever we put in first Place, first in order

1. Whatever gets the most attention & time, is the priority of our life
 - a. We want to be blessed, we must live according to God's set priorities

B. **Two Major Priorities:**

1. Mk 12:30 "**Love The Lord your God**" a. Note: "This is the first commandment"

2. Matt 6:33 " Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness"

a. Many believers do not enter into this realm of obedience for **three major reasons:**

(1) **They do not know what the Kingdom of God is:** (The rule of God in our life)

(A) thus have no understanding of submitting their will to the rule of God

(2) **They seek "things" first, instead of the Kingdom of God:**

(A) Jesus said if we would seek the Kingdom of God first "things shall be added to you"

(3) **They fail to walk in covenant relationship with and man**

(A) Believers fail to understand that the Kingdom of God is based upon covenants:

(1) between God and Man.....b. and Man with man....Example: Marriage covenant, Covenant relationship with their pastor & brothers and sisters in Christ

II. Mk 12:29 "**And you shall love the Lord your God**" **Def love:** to value and prize above all others

A. Our love can be **SUPERFICIAL**, or it can be **REAL**

1. If we only love for what He can do for us, our love is **superficial** a. example Jn 2:26-27

2. **Real Love** is motivated by a desire to please and bless the person you love a. example Jn 14:15

III. Mk 12:29 We are to love God with all **three realms of our being:** Mk 12:20 **heart, soul / mind, strength**

A. "Love the Lord your God with all of your **heart**": speaking of our Born Again spirit man

1. Speaking of loving from the depth of our being and not going thru religious motions

a. this love stirs a hunger, desire & passion to seek The Lord

b. when we have no desire to seek God in His word, prayer, praise & worship, in House of God / local church

Your spiritual condition is in question and you have lost your first love:

(1) Rev 2:4-5 "**left thy first love**" (2) key to restoring our first love" vs 5 "**do thy first works**"

(A) works do not save us...but they do reveal where our heart is and what we love most

C. "**Love the Lord your God with all your soul ../ mind**": the soul consists of our mind, will & emotions

1. Loving God with our "**MIND**" is only possible if we **renew our mind with the Word of God** Rom 12:2

a. this will cause us to: set our mind / affections on things above Col 3:2 the things of God / not the world

b. Heb 10:39 **Def Draw back:** apostasy, shrinkage c. **Def Perdition:** destruction, damnation

(1) "**the saving of the soul**": this is not speaking of our spirit man getting born again, rather it is talking about our Soul: our mind, will, intellect, emotions getting saved / or bring about the transformation / change Rom 12: 2 speaks of / which enables us to walk in the spirit instead of the flesh / becoming spiritual instead of soulish and carnal minded

D. Mk 12:30 **And love the Lord your God with...all your strength**": speaking of the physical expression of loving God through our bodies

1. Rom 12:1 "**Present your bodies**"

a. Rom 6:13 instructs us to yield every member / part of our body to God & not to sin

2. Rom 12:2 "**living sacrifice**": speaks of placing our bodies on the altar & letting the fire of the Holy Spirit consume us

a. "living sacrifice" is speaking of a **sanctified life....living in holiness**

b. "living sacrifice" speaks of a life offered up to God for **service and ministry**

c. "living sacrifice" also speaks of expressing **Praise & Worship** through our body unto God: Heb 13:15