MATTHEW 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- 1. THE GREATEST THREAT TO DISTORTING THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS US!
 2. ONE OF THE GREATEST TRAGEDIES IN A CHRISTIANS LIFE HERE ON EARTH IS MISPLACED PRIORITIES.
- 3. ONE OF THE GREATEST MISTAKES A CHRISTIAN MAKES IS BEING BUSY WITHOUT EFFECTIVENESS.

I. HAVE A PASSION FOR HIS PASSION-"SEEK" THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY MOST PEOPLE LIVE CENTERS ON THIS TRUTH.

• WHAT YOU DEEM TO BE THE PREEMINENT DESIRE OF ALL YOUR DESIRES DICTATES WHETHER OR NOT YOUR DESIRES END UP BEING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD OR THE KINGDOM OF YOU!

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOOKING AND SEEKING.

- SEEKING IS INTENTIONAL. SEEKING MEANS YOU KNOW THAT WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IT!
- LOOKING IS GENERAL, SEEKING IS SPECIFIC. IT IS DIRECTED TOWARD ONE PARTICULAR OBJECT!

II. MAKE HIS PRIORITY THE PRIORITY-"FIRST"

- LIVE SIMPLE AND STOP FORECASTING THE FUTURE OF WHICH YOU HAVE NO CONTROL
- LIVE SELFLESS BECAUSE SELF FOCUS IS THE ONE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WAYS TO LIVE ANTI-KINGDOM OF GOD!
- THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PAGAN AND A FOLLOWER OF JESUS IS NOT JUST WHAT THEY PURSUE BUT HOW MUCH THEY PURSUE IT!
- REMOVE THE COMPETITION. REMOVE WHAT DISTRACTS YOU FROM THE PRIORITY.

III. SURRENDER TO HIS PATTERN FOR THE PATTERN-"THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

- GOD'S SOVEREIGN RULE AND DOMINION OVER ALL
- NOT HUMAN CENTERED OR MANUFACTURED- IT'S LIVING IN THE REALITY THAT EVERYTHING IS GOD GIVEN.
- DON'T CONFUSE RIGHTEOUSNESS BEING A CODE OF CONDUCT DESIGNED TO MAKE YOU MORAL ABOVE ALL.
- YOU ARE NOT ACCEPTED BASED ON WHAT YOU DO BUT WHO YOU ARE
- BUT HAVING YOUR LIFE IN ALIGNMENT AND RIGHT STANDING WITH THE RULING LAW OF THE
- THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PATTERN ARE ASTRONOMICAL -"ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED"

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED"

RELIGION POSTPONES EXPERIENCING THE REALITY OF THE FULLNESS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE!