

## *The Message Notes*

**Message:** God First Principle

**Text:** Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

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**Matthew 6:33.** “But **seek first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **34.** Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (NKJV)

**Objective:** to understand the principle of “first” in our relationship with God and the benefits it brings to our lives.

### **TALK:**

- Christ is teaching on the sermon of the mountain side. He is **deconstructing** to **reconstruct** their faith in God.

Christ teaching on the mountain covered: 1) Beatitudes, 2) Salt and Light, 3) Lust and Adultery, 4) Divorce and Remarriage, and 5) How to pray and How to Fast.

**His main phrase** is, “You have heard but I say unto you.”

- Jesus represents **authority** – this means Jesus’ teachings were laws that not only **govern** our **beliefs** and **behavior** but return good or bad results on our lives.
- Another one of the many teachings taught on the mountain side was worrying about the necessities of life: food, clothing, and housing. Jesus said the **God “First”** Principle takes away your worry.

### **TEACH:**

1. First **symbolizes** your \_\_\_\_\_ – **v33. seek first...**

- God is **above** all else
- All else comes under God’s **cover**
- All else comes into God’s **order**

**Luke 14:26.** “If you want to be **my disciple**, you **must hate** everyone else by comparison - your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes even your own life.” (NLT)

**Application:** The God first principle used as an adjective and put before those things you love make them **belong** to God. God **covers** it and sets it in **order**.

2. First **honors** God's \_\_\_\_\_ – “seek **first** the **kingdom** of God and his **righteousness**...”

- you **obey** God first (flesh)
- you **trust** God first (faith)

**Proverbs 3:5-6.** **Trust** in the **Lord** with **all your heart**; do not **depend** on your **own understanding**. **Seek** his will in all you do, and he will **show you** which path to take. (NLT)

**Application:** Seek God first as your **Lord** and obey Him. Put your trust in God's right way of living, so you can establish the rule and reign of His kingdom on earth.

“**Religion** is man's method of reaching God. The **kingdom** is God's way of bringing heaven to earth.”

3. First returns a \_\_\_\_\_ – “all these **things** (food, clothing, and shelter) will be **added** to you.

- return is based on your faith
- return is proof of God's faithfulness

**Luke 6:38.** **Give**, and you will **receive**. Your **gift** will **return** to you in **full** - **pressed** down, **shaken** together to make room for more, **running** over, and **poured** into your lap. The **amount** you **give** will **determine** the amount **you get back**. (NLT)

**Proverbs 3:9-10.** **Honor** the Lord by giving him the **first part** of **all your income**, and he will **fill** your barns with wheat and barley and **overflow** your wine vats with the finest wines. (Living Bible)

**Application:** Seek God first principle gives you a return on your obedience and trust in God.

### **TAKEAWAY:**

1. First symbolizes God is your **priority** above all else
2. First honors God's **position** as Lord
3. First returns a **promise** to you

God first principle **covers** your life and **orders** your life, and **returns** to you the promise according to the God first principle.