

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Good morning everyone, or is it good afternoon or even good evening? People will come here and read these devotionals at different times of the day. Some will read it every day and some maybe once in a great while. But here is a question, how often do you spend time reading the bible for yourself? Sad to say, a lot of Christians only read the bible on Sunday at church, and some don't even bring a bible to church, but only read what's on the screen at church. The rest of the week, they will read a portion of scripture if they stumble across a devotional on social media or maybe they have a devotional they read everyday (Which is not reading the bible in its entirety).

Now, with all that in mind, we are all pretty much familiar with today's devotional verse. But what I want to focus on today is the first part of the verse which is, "*seek ye first the kingdom of God,*" and even more so, if we dig even deeper is one word, and that word is, "*first*".

Think about our daily life and routine, we all have one and it's not a bad thing. But let me ask you this,. In your daily routine, where does spending time with the Lord fit in? Now wait before you answer that.

I was talking with my wife about when we both spend our individual time with the Lord, and we both do it first thing in the morning. Which has worked great for both of us, even before we were married. I know for me I have spent time with the Lord every morning for years and I can't think of a better way to start my day than sitting with the Lord, having a cup of coffee or two and spending time reading His word and in prayer.

But then there are those who just can't do it early in the morning or just can't focus that early in the morning. I think of my sister for example, who spends her time in the word with the Lord in the evening. The truth is, it really doesn't matter, because today's verse does not say to seek the kingdom of God every morning, noon, or night, it simply says to seek the kingdom of God, which means to seek the Lord and His will.

So the real question is, not what time are you seeking the kingdom of God or spending time with Him. No, the question is, are you, as I go back to the original question of, "*in your daily routine, where does spending time with the Lord fit in?*" Is it a priority in your life, meaning you just have to spend time with the Lord in His word and in prayer every day, regardless of when that is. Or is it more of an afterthought for you, where you will do it if you remember to, or you have time and can fit God into your busy schedule? It's ok to say such at this point, because it's a reality check.

But do you know what's sad, and that is that Christians have to be told, or reminded, or encouraged to spend time with the Lord every day. If you are married, it would be like your pastor who married you, would have to call you or encourage you to talk to your husband or wife every day, because for some reason you just can't find the time to, not even to say a good morning, and reason would be because you have put him or her last in my life. (*Go ahead and say Ouch again.*)

We all know that husbands and wives make up what we call a relationship, and in a relationship there is communication, and with a marriage it's daily communication. Now think about this, if Jesus is **Lord** of your life, shouldn't He be the most important one in your life? Well, if He is just an afterthought or at the bottom of your list each day, then something, or someone else is lord of your life. But if God/Jesus is your Lord, shouldn't that relationship include daily communication with Him?

† **Jeremiah 29:13** *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

The only way to seek the Lord with all your heart, is to seek Him every day as a number one priority, not as an afterthought, and not because I or your pastor or anyone else tells you to, but because, from your heart, you want to spend time with the Lord.

† **Proverbs 8:17** *I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.*