

The Meaning of IN My Life

Below, list the three things that are **most** important to you:

1.
2.
3.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34) What would Jesus say about your list? Is there something he might encourage you to add or remove? Where is your treasure and your heart?

Read Matthew 6:25-34.

What two things does Jesus say we should put first in our lives?

1.
2.

Be a Kingdom Seeker!

Putting God in second place is no small matter. Allowing something or someone to be more important than God violates God's first commandment—"You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). If we aren't careful, our other priorities can become idols, or false gods.

How can you be a Kingdom seeker?

Step #1—Ask yourself:

- Do my values = Jesus' values?
- Do my commitments = Jesus' commitments?
- How do my activities help me become the whole person God wants me to be?

Step #2—Deal with your priorities on a day-to-day basis.

- Tell God about your priority problems.
- Anticipate when you will be tempted to put something or someone before God.
- Ask God to help you overcome this temptation.

Step #3—Change your thinking from, "If Jesus were here with me, what would I do?" to "Since Jesus is here with me, what should I do?"

Like us, Jesus had plenty of activities to juggle. He was a traveler and a public speaker; he attended weddings and festivals. Unlike us, however, Jesus had no trouble keeping his priorities straight.

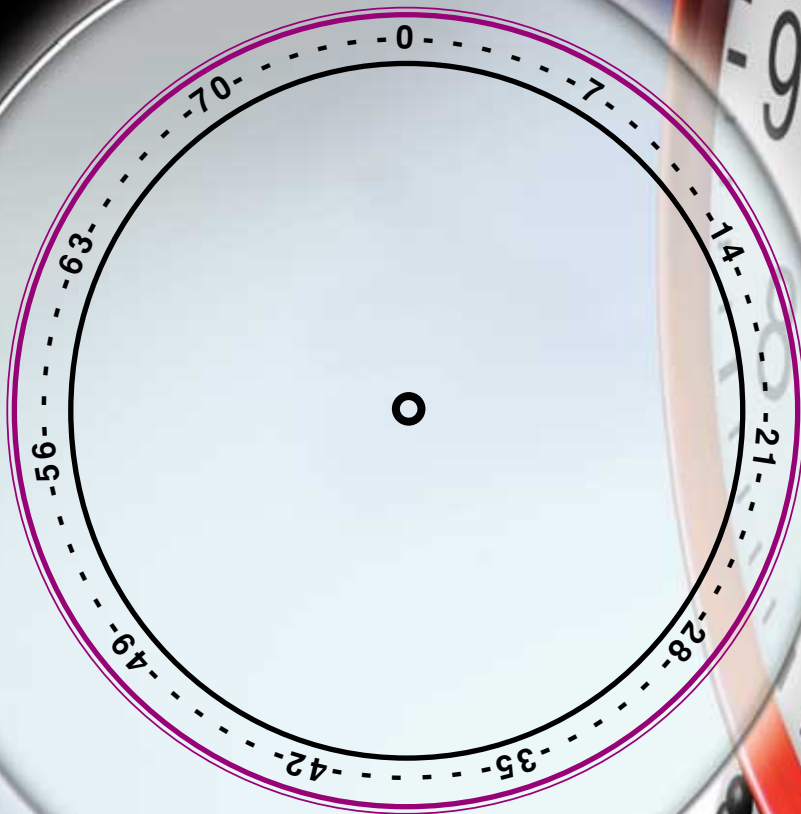
Are you willing to be a Kingdom seeker? If you make God's kingdom and God's righteousness your first priorities, God will take care of everything else.

What "seek first God's kingdom" REALLY means... It doesn't mean... We're to think about heaven all the time It does mean... Our focus

Activities Hours Per Day Days Per Week Total Hours

Activities	Hours Per Day	Days Per Week	Total Hours
Homework			
Athletics and school activities			
Meals			
Spending time with family			
Spending time with friends			
Using the phone			
Media (television, magazines, Internet)			
Getting ready for your day			
Prayer, devotion, and worship			
Other			

Now, complete the pie chart with the rest of your weekly activities. Be sure to label each activity. The hours you spend sleeping and going to school have been taken out, leaving you with 77 hours.



praying or worship. It does mean... We should spend our time striving for righteousness, what God uses to set the world right. It doesn't mean...

should be on the things of God's kingdom—justice, kindness, love, and abundance for all of God's people. It doesn't mean... We have to spend all of our time on "spiritual" things like

We should not put effort into school or other responsibilities because they aren't holy activities. It does mean... Everything thing we do has the potential to bring us closer to God.