GETTING OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

INTRODUCTION: (Matthew 6:28-34) Man often finds that __________ matters have become ______________ in his life. But those who ________ in _______ are those who have their ______________ ______________. In the sermon on the mount, (Matthew 6:33), Jesus tells us to put _________ things ________. He says “But”… “seek”… “first”.

#1, We are to seek first the ___________ of _______. Nothing is more important than allowing the Creator God of heaven to ________ and __________ in our ___________. The kingdom of God is ______ ___________, (Matthew 16:18-19; John 18:36; Romans 14:17; Luke 17:20-21; Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9-10).

- The kingdom should be sought because of its ___________. (Matthew 13:44-46).
- The kingdom should be sought because of its ____________________________, (Matthew 16:18-19; Daniel 2:44; Hebrews 12:28-29).
- The kingdom should be sought because it is a realm of ______________ ____________, (I Corinthians 15:24).

#2, We’re commanded to continually seek ____________________, (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 10:1-3; Psalm 119:172; John 14:15; 15:14; Luke 6:46). Seeking God’s righteousness means that we’ll ________ His commandments and ____ His will.

#3, In the spiritual realm, __________ ___________ are often __________ in people’s lives, (Ephesians 4:28; II Thessalonians 3:10). But, __________ is never to be first in our lives, (Luke 12:15-21). __________ is never to be first in our lives, (Ecclesiastes 5:13; Matthew 16:26). __________ is never to be first in our lives, (Hebrews 11:25; I Timothy 5:6). A life of ________ and ______________ is never to be first in our lives.

Blessings become a __________ if they pull us away from the kingdom of God, (Amos 6:1f; I John 2:15; III John 9; II Timothy 3:2; John 3:19).

#4, What does it mean to seek __________ the _____________ of _____?

a) Being willing to undergo a _____________ transformation such as being _______ __________ to __________ the kingdom, (John 3:3-5; II Thessalonians 1:8; Acts 11:26; II Corinthians 5:17).

b) ____________ in it, (Luke 9:62; Revelation 2:10; Matthew 24:13).

c) __________ for the kingdom…and this includes 5 basic things:

1) ________________, (Revelation 3:5).

2) ________________, (I Peter 2:1).


4) ________________, (II Corinthians 11:23-28).

5) ________________ the kingdom, (Acts 8:5,12).

CONCLUSION: Have we put His kingdom His righteousness ________ in our lives? If not, let’s begin this new year by putting ________ things _________. (John 8:24), ______________; (Luke 13:3), __________; (Matthew 10:32-33), ___________; and (Mark 16:15-16), be ______________, (Acts 2:36-38).

This is where we begin to get our ______________ _____________ in 2015…May your new year be the best yet!