The Passionate Pursuit of God

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INTRODUCTION

- Seek first the kingdom of God. First. Jesus teaches us to think about our lives in terms of priority.
- What he is doing in this verse is calling us to move beyond a partial commitment, to go all in, to truly have as the passion of our hearts the pursuit of God.
- Jesus is talking about the same thing in a lot of different ways. And it boils down to one simple question Are we seeking the kingdom first?

1 Seek God's Kingdom First Because Nothing Else Lasts

Matthew 6:19–21

- Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
- What he's saying is it just doesn't last.
- There is something out there that is king in our hearts or master of our lives for all of us.
- Jesus says, seek God's kingdom first, because it's the only thing that will really last.

2 Seek God's Kingdom First Because It Affects Everything Else

Matthew 6:22–23

- The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light.
- I believe that the eye is put here for the picture of our focus.
- When our focus is off, everything else is affected.
- Seek the kingdom because it affects everything else, either poorly or in a positive way.

3 We Are Passionately Pursuing Something

Matthew 6:24

- No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
- There's nothing wrong with money in itself, but this is about our view of money and our treatment of money.
- So if money is security and freedom and comfort, where do those things come from for Christians? Those are God terms, right?
- We are serving something with all our hearts. That is universal.
- If you're serving something, why not choose a master that's going to be good for you?
- So where that leads us is to ask the question, is there a rival to God in my heart?

4 Seek God's Kingdom First Because Life Is More Than Stuff

Matthew 6:25–32; Luke 12:15

- Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- What you are anxious about reveals what you really care about. We don't get anxious about things that don't matter.
- Get busy with the stuff of life and stop worrying so much about stuff.
- God takes care of his creatures. And you are the crowning creation. Don't you think he's going to take care of you?
- Stop thinking like Gentiles. You know that there is a God who made you and who sustains the world he made.

5 Because God Will Give Us What We Need

Matthew 6:33

- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- Make this your number one priority, and everything else you need will be taken care of.
- When you seek what really matters first, all the rest falls into line.
- It's a promise that God's going to take care of his people. So we are free to seek God's kingdom first.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. The passionate pursuit of God is the reason you were made.**

MY NOTES