

Pursuing the Priorities of God

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REVIEW: People are God's Priority Matthew 28.19, 20 /John 4.3-7

1. He loves You Deut 7:7-8

8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

2. He loves the Hurting Matt 11:28-30

28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest". 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS". 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light".

3. He loves the Lost 2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

INTRO:

The story of this ruler's interaction with Jesus is a listing of the things that matter most to Jesus. It is also an indirect statement of what has a lesser priority. The ruler lists all the rules he's keeping but Jesus goes straight for the heart. Jesus makes it clear that while his personal righteousness is impressive there is something deeper that He required...a commitment to kingdom priorities. He wanted to make a statement about wealth and life to His disciples as well.

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1. Love is the first priority! 1 Cor 13:13

13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- God wants us to worship Him voluntarily *vs. 19 God is good*
- He wants us to love others as He does *vs. 22*
- Remember that God loves the lost! 2 Pe. 2.9

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2. People are a kingdom priority.

Jesus wanted him to show love by sharing his wealth with people!

- Nothing demonstrates the kingdom like caring for others!
- The People Priority is the link between loving and giving

3. Giving is a kingdom priority

The real test for the young man is in whether he can summarize the priorities of the kingdom by giving away what he has to the poor and needy.

- His inability to give cut him out of Jesus life
- His refusal to give kept him from blessing others
- His lack of faith to release lowered his potential earning power!