

Priorities that Matter Most

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What is your view of life?

- 1) Life is a party –
- 2) Life is a race –
- 3) Life is a marathon –
- 4) Life is a battle / game –

What is God's view of life?

1) Life is a test.

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12

What is God's view of life?

2) Life is a trust.

“What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?”

1 Corinthians 4:7b (NLT)

What is God's view of life?

3) Life is temporary.

“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.”

Psalm 39:4 (NLT)

What is God's view of life?

3) Life is temporary.

“I am here on earth for just a little while.”

Psalm 119:19 (TEV)

“Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more.”

Psalm 39:4 (TLB)

“You’re cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way.”

James 4:4 (MSG)

“Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.”

1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)

Happiness is a
by-product of a
relationship with
Jesus Christ.

“The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 (MSG)

“All that is not eternal
is eternally useless.”

C.S. Lewis

THE FATAL MISTAKE:

Assume God's goal for your life is material or popular success as the world defines it.

25,550

DAYS

How will you live with the
days you have left?

What is your plan?

How then are we to live
our lives on our way to
Heaven?

4 Biblical Priorities

Matthew 22:36-39

John 17:18-23

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“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

Jesus replied, “You much love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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Priority #1

A personal, progressive
commitment to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:36-38

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Priority #1

A. See why you need it

B. Make sure you've got it

C. Maintain it

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Priority #2

A personal, progressive
commitment to yourself.

Matthew 22:39

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Priority #2

Develop:

A. Mentally

B. Physically

C. Socially

D. Emotionally

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Priority #3

A personal, progressive
commitment to relationships.

John 17:18-23

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Priority #3

A. Your Marriage

B. Your kids

C. Other followers of Christ

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Priority #4

A personal, progressive
commitment to the
work of Christ in the world.

Matthew 22:39

John 17:18-23

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Priority #4

A. Reaching the lost

B. Caring for the needy

The objective of your
life will determine the
outcome of your life.

If you aim at nothing,
you will hit it
every time.