

## **A GOD FIRST LIFE**

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Gen 1:1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1. Without God our lives would still be in darkness and without from and void of happiness, and with the presence of God in our lives.

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4 **But God**, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

## **A GOD OF DIVINE ORDER**

1. The Worlds were framed by the Word of God (Hebrews 11:3).
2. When I consider the heavens

Psa 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Psa 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

3. **The order of our solar system:** Our solar system consists of the sun, nine planets (and their moons) an asteroid belt, and many comets and meteors. The sun is the center of our solar system; the planets, over 61 moons, the asteroids, comets, meteoroids and other rocks and gas **all orbit the sun.**

## **LIVE IN A WORLD THAT HAS QUICKLY GONE OUT OF ORBIT**

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Rom 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.

Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Rom 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

## **TO KEEP MY LIFE IN THE PROPER ORDER AND ORBIT, GOD MUST BE NUMBER ONE**

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1. We must make GOD our first in importance. Everything else must give way before his demands.
2. He must be *first* in our affections, have our whole hearts. We must "love the Lord our God with the whole heart"

Mat 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

3. **The Bible is not a book of do's and don'ts but it is a book of First and Lasts.**
4. **God cannot be your Omega if He is not your Alpha**
5. **Our life is incomplete without Him.**

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

6. Every front door flap of the Children of Israel's tents was open toward the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. God wanted to teach them the lesson that He was to be first.
7. The Church of Ephesus, known as the First Love Church, allowed themselves to let other things become priority and the Lord had to send a letter to them , saying "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love." God was asking them to realign themselves with a new found love.

### **OTHER THINGS THAT WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR FIRST LOVE**

Mar 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

## **JESUS ALWAYS TESTING THE FIRSTS IN HIS DISCIPLES LIFE**

1. They left their nets and followed Jesus
2. They left all:

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

3. To forsake all that is temporal and of your old carnal life and to put value in things that are eternal.
4. **Jesus asked Peter three times**, “Lovest me more than these, Lovest thou me?, Lovest thou me?”

### **A LIFE OF LEAVING AND CLEAVING**

(Payday Someday)

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, **shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**

Mat 19:30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

### **GOD MUST BE FIRST IN**

1. **Put God first in your Thoughts and Conversation:**

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

2. **Put God first in your attendance to the House of God:**

Psa 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

Psa 27:4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psa 27:5 : For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

3. **Put God first in your Meditation and Bible Reading:** (Love His Word)

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

4. **First in your Time and in your Worship: (Sunday and Midweek Service)**

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

5. **First in your Affection:**

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, *who* is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

1Ch 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

6. **God First in your Money:** (Say, “It is only Money)

Pro 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Pro 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

7. **God First in your Talent:**

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

8. **The Principle is not God First, But God Everything:** (like the song goes “I will give you all”

Mat 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Mat 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

a. **This man, sold short term gain for long term gain:** This world offers us to sell our soul for short term gain, but when we surrender our life completely over to Him, **eternal blessings are coming our way!**

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

**PUTTING GOD FIRST IS YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS; IF YOU EMBRACE THIS CHALLENGE OF PUTTING GOD FIRST; YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL REAP THE MANY BENEFITS.**