**Part 2: Setting Right Priorities in Life**

We need to know our priorities in life because everything is vying for number one.

When you schedule your priorities and make decisions based on those established priorities, you de-clutter yourself and simplify your life.

**Our #1 PRIORITY – OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Everything flows from our relationship with God.

If we have a healthy relationship with God, we will find that we have a healthy relationship with our wife, then with your kids, then with our work and lastly, with our friends.

**PRIORITY #2 – FAMILY**

Why is family important to God? You could only have one family in your entire existence. Family is something you can’t replace with anyone or with something in this world. When God created humans, he designed us to live in families.

Our family is also one of the most priceless gifts that God gave us.

**The quality of our family determines ministry.**

**1 Timothy 3:1-2, 4-5**

*This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate… one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence. For if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?*

**Within the family context. Our spouse must be our priority then our children.**

**A. SPOUSE**

Our spouse comes after our relationship with God and before our children.

Genesis 2:18 - *God said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion*."

**Adam’s wife completed Him not the children or ministry or service.**

**Mark 10: 7-9 -** *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,**and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.* *Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate.”*

**Practical ways to treat our spouse well.**

* **Love your spouse unconditionally.**

***Eph. 5:25***

* **Make forgiveness your default position. *Eph. 4:32***
* **Look after the interest of your spouse.**

***Phil. 2:4***

**B. CHILDREN**

Our children are our mission field. It is our responsibility to raise our children in His ways and to establish a foundation early in the child’s life that is built upon Jesus Christ.

**Ways to show love to our children:**

* **Pray for our children consistently. *Gal. 6:10***
* **Teach them the ways of the Lord. *Prov. 22:6***
* **Be a living example of Christ to them. *Prov. 20:7***

**PRIORITY #3 – MINISTRY or WORK**

**1 Cor. 10:31** - *Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

In whatever we do, be in your workplace or in ministry, we are not called to be different but to make a difference in that place.

John Maxwell said, “*In everything that you say and do make sure that you add value to people*”.

Give your 100% devotion and dedication in whatever you do.

May you be an example in words and deeds to those around you.

***Mark 16:15-20*** – The Great Commission – defines our ministry to the world

**PRIORITY # 4 – REST AND RECREATION**

**Take time to rest, exercise, do something recreational, go for a holiday.**

God Himself rested from all His work. ***Gen. 2:2***

If we don’t take time to rest our body will breakdown and we can no longer be useful in His kingdom and to others.

**Jesus Himself took His disciples aside to rest. *Mark 6:30-31***

Rest is good for us.Taking a good rest or short break, whether it’s a simple weekend away or a four-day adventure, is good for you, mentally, physically and emotionally.

**PRIORITY # 5 – FRIENDS**

Friends are the sisters and brothers we never had. They are the siblings God never gave us.

At times it’s not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters.

Your circle of friends is your support group. They are the people that God can use to grow and challenge you and make you a better person.

Choosing right friends can be the greatest source of love, healing, joy, and encouragement.

Read **Prov. 12:26, Prov. 17:17, Prov. 27:9**

Friendship requires time and patience. Although we need to devote some quality time with our friends, it must not be at the expense of the first four priorities.