

MIND YOUR OWN BUSYNESS

Part 2: "In the First Place"

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"No one can serve two <u>masters</u>. If you try, you will wind up loving the first master and hating the second, or vice versa. People <u>try to serve both God and money—but you can't.</u> You must choose one or the other. <u>Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then all these things will be given to you too</u>."

Matthew 6:24,33 (TVB)

CHOOSING TO KEEP GOD IN FIRST PLACE MEANS I HAVE TO...

1. ...FIX MY MIND ON BOLDER BUSYNESS

"Seek first the kingdom of God..."

Matthew 6:33 (TVB)

"God's kingdom isn't a matter of what you put in your stomach, for goodness' sake. It's what God does with your life as he sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with joy. Your task is to single-mindedly serve Christ. Do that and you'll kill two birds with one stone: pleasing the God above you and proving your worth to the people around you."

Romans 14:17-18 (MSG)

2. ...SURRENDER MY <u>HEART</u> TO <u>BETTER</u> <u>LIVING</u>

"Seek first...His righteousness"

Matthew 6:33 (TVB)

"For they don't understand that Christ has died to make them right with God. <u>Instead they are trying to make themselves good enough</u> to gain God's favor by keeping the Jewish laws and customs, but that is not God's way of salvation."

Romans 10:3 (TLB)

"My passion is to be consumed with him and not clinging to my own 'righteousness' based in keeping the written Law. My 'righteousness' will be his, based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ—the very righteousness that comes from God."

Philippians 3:9 (TPT)

3. ...OPEN MY EXPECTATIONS TO BIGGER THINGS

"...and then all these things will be given to you too."

Matthew 6:33 (TVB)

"This is why I keep telling you not to worry about anything in life—about what you'll eat, about how you'll clothe your body. Life is more than food, and the body is more than fancy clothes. Think about those crows flying over there: do they plant and harvest crops? Do they own silos or barns? Look at them fly. It looks like God is taking pretty good care of them, doesn't it? Remember that you are more precious to God than birds! Which one of you can add a single hour to your life or 18 inches to your height by worrying really hard? If worry can't change anything, why do you do it so much?"

Luke 12:22-26 (TVB)

"Even the strong and the wealthy grow weak and hungry,

but those who passionately pursue the Lord will never lack any good thing."

Psalm 34:10 (TPT)

"If you, imperfect as you are, know how to lovingly take care of your children and give them what's best, how much more ready is your heavenly Father to give wonderful gifts to those who ask him?"

Matthew 7:11 (TPT)