

Priorities for Life

*First pay attention to me, and then relax.
Now you can take it easy—you're in good hands.*

Proverbs 1:33 MSG

Sure you're a busy person, and sure you've lots of things to do, but remember this: everything on your to-do list is not created equal. Certain tasks are extremely important while others are not. Therefore, it's important that prioritize your daily activities and complete each task in the approximate order of its importance.

The principle of doing first things first is simple in theory but more complicated in practice. Well-meaning family, friends, and coworkers have a way of making unexpected demands upon your time. Furthermore, each day has its own share of minor emergencies; these urgent matters tend to draw your attention away from more important ones. On paper, prioritizing is simple, but to act upon those priorities in the real world requires maturity, patience, determination, and balance.

If you fail to prioritize your day, life will automatically do the job for you. So your choice is simple: prioritize or be prioritized. It's a choice that will help determine the quality of your life.

Are you living a balanced life that allows time for worship, for family, for school, for exercise, and a little time left over for you? Or do you feel overworked, under-appreciated, and overwhelmed? If your to-do list is “maxed out” and your energy is on the wane, it’s time to restore a sense of balance to your life. You can do so by turning the concerns and the priorities of this day over to God—prayerfully, earnestly, and often. Then, you must listen for His answer . . . and trust the answer He gives.

Great relief and satisfaction can come from seeking God’s priorities for us in each season, discerning what is “best” in the midst of many noble opportunities, and pouring our most excellent energies into those things.

Beth Moore

PRIORITIES FOR MY LIFE

Make time for God. Even if your day is filled to the brim with obligations and priorities, no priority is greater than our obligation to our Creator. Make sure to give Him the time He deserves, not only on Sundays, but also on every other day of the week.

TIMELESS WISDOM FOR GODLY LIVING

Setting goals is one way you can be sure that you will focus your efforts on the main things so that trivial matters will not become your focus.

Charles Stanley

Give me the person who says, “This one thing I do, and not these fifty things I dabble in.”

D. L. Moody

One hundred years from now it won't matter if you got that big break, or finally traded up to a Mercedes. It will greatly matter, one hundred years from now, that you made a commitment to Jesus Christ.

David Shibley

And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ.

Philippians 1:9 Holman CSB

Often our lives are strangled by things that don't ultimately matter.

Grady Nutt

MORE WORDS FROM GOD'S WORD

The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.

Matthew 6:33 NCV

He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

Luke 9:23-24 NKJV

In a race, everyone runs but only one person gets first prize . . . to win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 TLB

My Priorities for Life

I understand the importance of reviewing my priorities frequently.

On my priority list, I put God first.

I place a high value on doing important tasks first and easy tasks later.

Check Your Priority		
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