



PRINCIPLED LIVING

Intentionality in my life as a Christ-follower

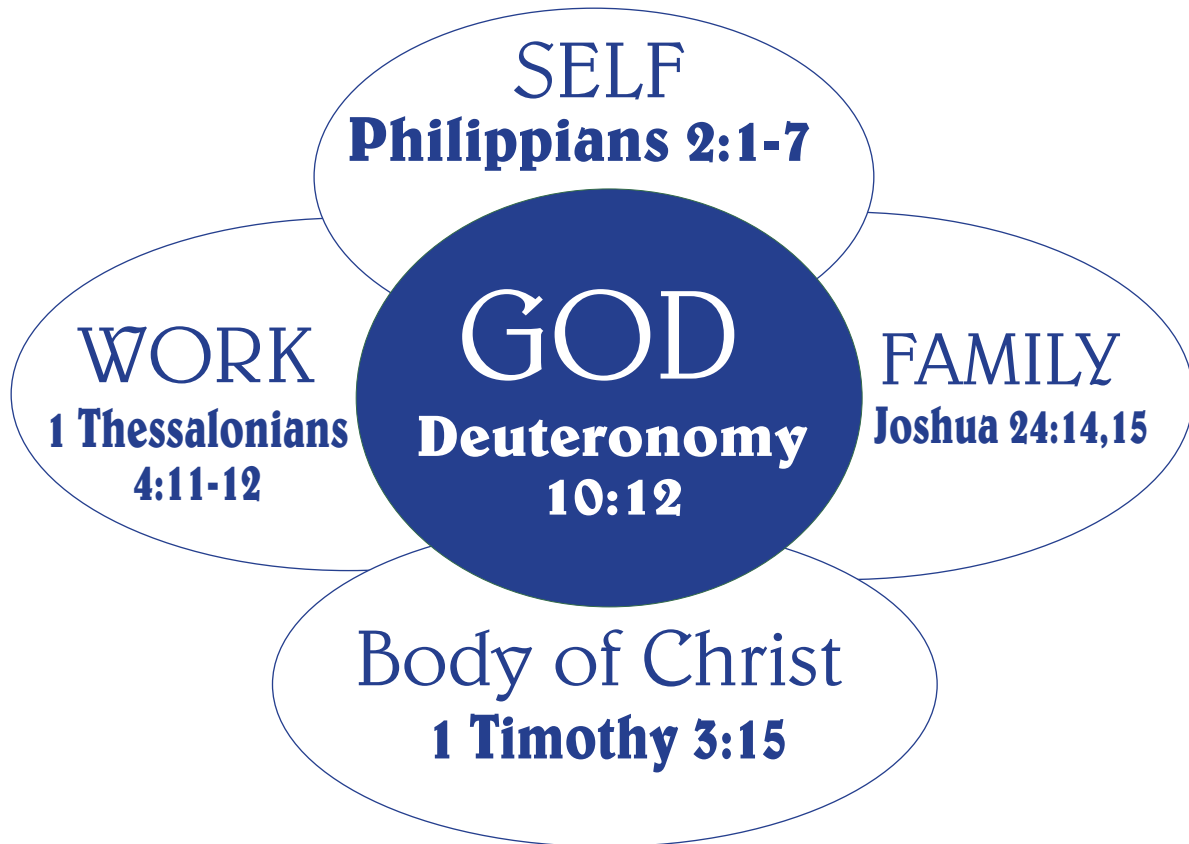
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not as unwise men, but as wise, making the
most of your time, because the days are evil
So then do not be foolish, but understand
what the will of the Lord is!"*

- Ephesians 5:15-17

**If our lives belong to God,
shouldn't this include all of our time,
all our talents, and all our treasures?**

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An integrated view of Life Priorities!



Priorities are often viewed in descending order of importance. God first, family second; etc. A more biblical perspective is reflected above. *God comes first*. He desires to be #1 in our marriage, our family life, our work life, our neighborhood; etc. *Christ has come to have first place in everything*. It is our quest to make what is already true in heaven true in our hearts as well.

Read the *God passage* found in Deuteronomy 10:12.

What does this look like when it happens between a Christ-follower and God?

How do you feel about *your own view of priorities* in light of the diagram above?

PREPARING TO INTENTIONALLY PLAN PRIORITIES

Christian priorities often become hazy within the turmoil and tests of life. We live in a time where planning and its subsequent follow-through are difficult. *We are continually bombarded with “good things” and activities which vie for our time, and seemingly important things that can often become enemies of what is best.*

Throughout Scripture it is apparent God desires that we *redeem our time* despite the challenges to do so. Take this opportunity to reflect upon [Ephesians 5:15-17](#) (below). Our prayer is that through proper planning and execution of priorities each of us will be better able to experience the outcome found in [Matthew 25:21](#).

What is taught from each of the following passages that gives us insight into the importance of preparation, planning, and focusing our lives?

Proverbs 4:20-27 _____

Proverbs 11:14 _____

Proverbs 13:12 _____

Proverbs 16:3,9 _____

Proverbs 20:5 _____

Proverbs 29:18 _____

What does the following passage tell us is key to living a life of godliness?

“...Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is!” - Ephesians 5:15-17

BEING A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

These are some great guiding principles for each area of priority.

What does the Lord desire for us?

Deuteronomy 10:12

Matthew 6:24

2 Corinthians 11:3

John 3:30

Romans 12:1

John 4:23,24; Proverbs 3:1-2

Micah 6:8

Luke 17:10

1 Peter 2:9,10

Leviticus 11:44,45

How should I be considering myself?

Philippians 2:12,13

Hebrews 13:7-19

Luke 9:61,62

Philippians 4:8

Titus 2:14

Proverbs 4:13

James 4:17

1 Timothy 4:14-16

Ephesians 3:16-19

Matthew 10:8

2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16,17

Luke 6:27-38

1 Peter 4:1,2; Hebrews 12:12-15

What are God's desires for my family?

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| Ephesians 5:15-33 | Proverbs 22:6 |
| Ephesians 6:4 | Philippians 2:3-5 |
| Deuteronomy 6:6-7 | 1 Timothy 1:5 |
| Psalms 127 | Proverbs 5:15-21 |
| Colossians 3:18-21 | Song of Solomon 8:6,7 |
| 1 Timothy 3:4,5 | 1 Samuel 8:1-3 |

What should be my commitment in and to the Church?

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| 2 Corinthians 8:5 | Acts 2:42-47 |
| Romans 15:5-7 | Philippians 2:3-5 |
| Romans 12:3-8 | 1 Peter 5:1-11 |
| Romans 12:9-21 | Ephesians 4:11-16 |
| Romans 13:8-14 | 1 Timothy 3:15 |
| Romans 14:1-23 | |

What are my priorities in my vocation (or at school)?

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| Ephesians 6:5-8 | Luke 6:27-38 |
| Colossians 3:23-24, 4:1 | Genesis 3:17-19 |

The entire book of Proverbs!

PLANNING PRIORITIES

What is God saying to me about my priorities?



Goals are overarching things to attain which relate to overall meaning in life. **Objectives** are specific **steps** to get us to our greater goals.

My Current PERSONAL Goals:

Pertinent passages:

GOAL _____

Objectives:

My Current GOD Goals:

Pertinent passages:

GOAL _____

Objectives:

My Current FAMILY Goals:

Pertinent passages:

GOAL _____

Objectives:

My WORK AND SCHOOL Goals:

Pertinent passages:

GOAL _____

Objectives:



My Current KINGDOM-GROWING Goals:

Pertinent passages:

GOAL _____

Objectives:

Things for which to pray regarding my personal goals: (challenges and hopes)



How to Plan & Follow-through in Strength!

CHECK THESE OUT!

What do they teach you about pulling off a principled life?

Strong in Spirit Luke 1:80

Strong in Wisdom Luke 2:40

Strong in Spiritual Character Luke 14:25-35

Strong in Spiritual Insight Romans 4:20

Strong in Spiritual Fruit Romans 15:1-15

Strong in Self-Weakness 2 Corinthians 12:9,10; Hebrews 11:32-34

Strong in Spiritual Warfare Ephesians 6:10

Young men are to be strong and wise!

Older men are to be wise and strong!

1 John 2:12-14

In what do you identify with each analogy below?

The Farmer is Faithful.

He or she is faithful to Christ in Word and prayer.

He is faithful to Christ's people in Word and deed.

He makes himself specifically accountable for the hope within him.

The Athlete is Teachable.

He is willing and ready to learn and respond to truth even at personal cost.

His goal is to become mature in the truth and to teach others how to run to win.

The Soldier is Available.

He prioritizes his life to allow for deep spiritual focus.

He then makes himself available for the kingdom of God through his own household, his neighbors, and his local gathering of believers!



The Holy Spirit!

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- John 3:5-8

**The Holy Spirit is the breath of God.
He is living inside of us to lead us to true freedom.**

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