

VINEYARD church

PRAYER & FASTING

DAY 15

Scripture Focus

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' The pagans seek after all these things, but your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and then all these things will be added to you."

-Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)

Seek the Best

In 2005, I had been working for an uncle for several years as the manager of his prosperous store. On the eve of my wedding, I informed him that I was going to be away for a few days due to my honeymoon, to which he responded by saying that he guaranteed me a job until the day I left for my honeymoon; Worried about the future, I was so scared of not being able to provide for my family, I had my own project in mind but it was at least a year before I could have everything I needed to start it, in the midst of my fears my dad offered me the perfect business but it included a very important detail, I would have to sacrifice all my Sundays at church and also dedicate them to the business, my earnings would be very good but I would not have time to dedicate to God, I found myself arguing within myself what was most important? What should I prioritize as a responsible man of a home? I looked around me and saw all that with hard work a family can come to have but none of those things had marked my heart and transformed my life as God had done in the last 5 years, I could not imagine myself full of things but far from God. It was actually very difficult to reject my dad's proposal, in fact it was crazy for my older brother who advised me to take it since this would be the perfect solution that would guarantee the economic future of my new home, but I had heard that if I honored God he would also honor me.

The wedding day arrived and I knew it was my last day of work, I decided that nothing would overshadow this special moment in our lives and we went on our honeymoon; when I returned unexpectedly I met the person who would be key to starting my business project in an accelerated manner, in a few months I could not believe that I was working for myself in the business I had dreamed of and with free weekends to serve the Lord.

What is a priority in your life?

The priority that is attributed to something or someone is not determined by what we express with words but by the actions that support it; We often see how people live far from what they profess because they think that only words are enough, but the truth is that it is really the facts that give value to words, turning them into realities.

Take some time to reflect:

- Is there something taking the place of God in your life?
- Are there things that worry you to the point of making you sacrifice God's time to do them?
- Are there things that, without realizing it, are diverting your attention to the useless?

Jesus calls us to seek His kingdom first with the wonderful promise that everything else will be added.

Prayer

Lord, I ask for forgiveness for all the times that I have not given you the first place that you deserve in my life; help me to trust that you are the one who sustains me and provides me with all things so that I do not become depressed, teach me to focus on the things that have greater value and not on the useless ones, lead me to see the fulfillment of your promises in my own life because of my obedience to you. Thank you for being that Father who takes care of every detail. Amen.

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