

# Seeking the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

Matt. 6:31-33

## Introduction:

- A. Most of us have a focus in life – our top priority.
  - 1. One or more things around which we order the rest of our lives.
  - 2. The rest of our lives facilitates that focus – either advancing or not interfering with it.
- B. Jesus tells his disciples what the focus of their lives must be.
  - 1. The focus of the world is material (vv. 31-32).
  - 2. The focus of Christians is be spiritual (v. 33).
- C. Jesus tells us to focus on two things – to put them first in our lives:

## Discussion:

### I. The Kingdom of God.

- A. To seek the kingdom is to seek the church (cf. Matt. 16:18, 19).
  - 1. Early Christians in the kingdom and church (Col. 1:13, 14, 18).
  - 2. Jesus became head of church and king of kingdom at same time (Acts 2:30-35; Eph 1:20-22).
- B. To seek the kingdom is to be led through two major decisions of life.
  - 1. The decision to be saved.
    - a. One decides he needs salvation – is lost (cf. John 16:8; Acts 2:37; Rom. 3:23).
    - b. One decides that Jesus is the Savior – the Son of God (John 20:31; Acts 4:12).
    - c. One decides to submit to the authority of the king, the head, the savior. (cf. Heb. 5:8,9).
    - d. By deciding to be saved, he decides to be in the church/kingdom (Acts 2:47).
  - 2. The decision to stay saved.
    - a. By putting the kingdom first in his life.
    - b. By being faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
- C. To seek the kingdom first affects all other decisions of life – major or minor (cf. Luke 9:59-62)
  - 1. A man's decision about a business trip to Japan.
  - 2. A young man's decision about a gospel meeting or choir recital.
  - 3. A person's decision at anytime the church meets.

### II. The Righteousness of God.

- A. To seek God's righteousness rather than trying establish our own (Rom 10:1-3)
  - 1. One tries to establish own righteousness by depending on perfect law keeping.
  - 2. One tries to establish own righteousness by devising his own standard of righteousness.
- B. To apply God's righteousness to every department of our lives (Cf. Acts 10:35)
  - 1. Family
  - 2. Businesses.
  - 3. Friendships.
  - 4. Church

## Conclusion:

- A. Do you think you are seeking first the kingdom when:
  - 1. You choose attend one or two services a month or one a week?
  - 2. You never attempt to reach others with the gospel?
- B. Do you think you seeking first God's righteousness when:
  - 1. You fail to consider his will in your daily decisions and activities.
  - 2. You wilfully engage in things the Bible forbids.
- C. Do you really believe "these things will be added?"