

TALK IT OVER

Beyond the Now

BOTTOM LINE

You can't live well for God today if your heart is attracted to what is temporary.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's had your attention lately and why?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Seek God First](#) by Craig Groeschel (40 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to be rewarded for what we have done, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, don't be anxious about tomorrow, for each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:33-34 NIV

"We are surrounded by a culture obsessed with the temporary: money, fame, success, possessions. God calls us to live differently – with eternity in mind."

"God's Kingdom is not an add-on. It is the priority."

"When God is first, everything else falls into place – not without trials but with purpose."

"Live for WELL DONE, not WELL OFF."

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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We are called to live with an eternal perspective. What does that mean? You can't live well for God today if your heart is attracted to what is temporary. Do you believe that is accurate or an overstatement? Explain your answer. Jesus is not saying to not care about your needs but to prioritize the right things, with the Kingdom of God first. How does a person "seek" the Kingdom of God first? The Greek word for "seek" means to "be alert with expectation." How does that speak to you concerning seeking God's Kingdom first? God's omnipresence means God is everywhere all the time. God's manifest presence is when we experience His nearness. When is a recent time you have experienced His manifest presence? How did seeking God's Kingdom and righteousness impact your awareness of His presence? Seeking God first is tied to living free of anxiety. Anxiety means a tug-of-war between faith and fear, surrender and self-will, devotion, and distraction. Jesus' instruction to not "be anxious about tomorrow because each day has enough trouble of its own" doesn't sound comforting. What does it mean and how can it help? How have you experienced anxiety leading to instability? Describe a proper eternal perspective on money and possessions, time, relationships, and opportunities. What is the evidence of what drives your calendar, your spending, and your relationships? God is not calling you to be perfect but to be wholehearted. What does that mean for you going forward?

ACTION STEP

God has spoken to me about seeking Him first. I will obey by _____