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For this reason we have not stopped praying for you since the day we heard about you. We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through every kind of spiritual wisdom and insight. We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God. Colossians 1:9-10 GW

Reasons to Put Jesus First

1. He _____ the Father.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16 NKJV

2. He _____ the future.

He Himself existed and is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. [His is the controlling, cohesive force of the universe.] He is also the head [the life-source and leader] of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will occupy the first place [He will stand supreme and be preeminent] in everything. Colossians 1:17-18 AMP

3. He _____ the lost.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. Colossians 1:21-23 NIV

Give Jesus the first...

1. _____ of the day

Each morning I will look to you in heaven and lay my requests before you, praying earnestly. Psalm 5:3 TLB

2. _____ of the week

On the first day of the week, the disciples came together to break bread. Acts 20:7 NKJV

3. _____ (10% of my income)

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley... Proverbs 3:9 TLB

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