

# message OUTLINE

## THE POWER OF A PRIORITY-DRIVEN LIFE

Sermon Series: A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE: The Sermon On The Mount

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**TEXT:** Matthew 6:1-18

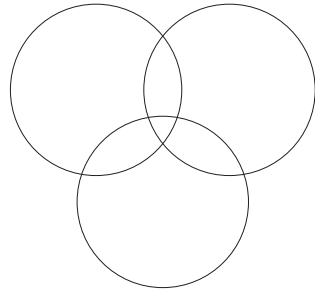
### I. WHAT ARE PRIORITIES?

- Those things that are most important to you  
It's not a priority anymore – If everything's a priority
- Something that adds value to your life
- Gets you from where you are – to where you want to be

### II. MY TOP 3 PRIORITIES

Examples:

Work	Relationships
Family	Self-care
Faith	Church
Health	Personal growth
Recreation	Sports
Education	Other _____



### III. TOP PRIORITIES IN LIFE

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Find time to be a Human Being, not just a Human Doing

5. P ersonal \_\_\_\_\_ D evelopment \_\_\_\_\_

Betterment & improvement – inseparable parts of existence

4. S ecurity \_\_\_\_\_

One of life's most fundamental needs – Survival

3. R elationships \_\_\_\_\_

Enjoy those that care about you

2. H ealth \_\_\_\_\_

Make your well-being a priority

1. S pirit Fed \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Led \_\_\_\_\_ Life

Remember: You're a Spiritual Being on a Human Journey

## IV. RIGHT PRIORITIES – BETTER REWARDS

Generosity v. 4 Prayer v. 6 Fasting v. 18

### GIVING

Jn. 6:1-13

- a. Willingly (wasn't forced) v. 9
- b. Cheerfully ("can you use this?") v. 10
- c. Immediately (could see need didn't delay responding) v. 11

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*  
Lk. 6:38

Whenever I give I ALWAYS... *end up getting more back*

### PRAYING

What Do You Say When You Pray?

Matt. 6:9-13

#### PAST EXPERIENCES

*"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."* v. 12

#### PRESENT NEEDS

*"Give us this day our daily bread."* v. 11

#### FUTURE EVENTS

*"Your kingdom come, Your will be done."* v. 10

### FASTING

*"This comes about only through Prayers & Fasting."* Matt. 17:21

Fasting (definition): Abstaining from food or some other object of attention for spiritual purposes

#### Types of Fasts

- . Individual Ps. 35:13; 69:10
- . Group Esther 4:16
- . All-Church Acts 13:2, 3
- . National Lev. 23:17; Jdg. 20:26; 2 Chron. 20:1-4

#### THE POSSIBILITIES OF PRAYER & FASTING

Direction	2 Chron. 20:12-15	Release from Trials/Troubles	Ps. 50:15
Encouragement	1 Sam. 30:6	Peace	Phil. 4:6,7
Confidence	Jer. 33:3	Mercy	Heb. 4:16
Rewards	Matt. 6:6	Grace	Heb. 4:16
Help	Ps. 46:1-3	Immediate Response	Is. 30:19
Provision	Ps. 34:10	Forgiveness	1 John 1:9
Good Gifts	Matt. 7:11	God's Nearness	Ps. 73:28
Comfort	Ps. 34:4	Needs Met	Matt. 7:7, 8
Discernment/Wisdom	James 1:5	Assurance of Answer	Ps. 9:1-15
Strength	Ps. 105:4	Unimaginable Blessings	Eph. 3:20