Three Ways To Put God First In Your Life

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Jesus told us that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And the second greatest commandment is love your neighbor as yourself. Here are some suggestions as to how that looks like in daily life.



1. Start your day with God.

Years ago I read that the daily habit of Billy Graham was to read a chapter of the Old Testament, a chapter from the New Testament, a Psalm and one chapter of Proverbs every day. I thought, if it works for Billy Graham, I need to give it a try. That was over thirty years ago. Starting my day reading God's word has been one of the best decisions and habits that I have.

I still marvel at how God speaks to me daily through His word. I love how the Psalms show me the true emotions and hearts of those ancient songwriters. I love how reading the Proverbs gives me daily wisdom on living a balanced life. I love how reading the New Testament reveals Jesus and the great men and woman that followed Him.

Starting your day with God is one of the best decisions you will ever make.

2. Put God first in your finances

The third chapter of Proverbs is my favorite of the thirty-one chapters of Proverbs. It is full of great advice.

Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)
Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the best part of everything you produce.
Then He will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Throughout the Bible it talks about the blessing of giving to God. Are you giving back a portion of the best of what God has given you? Honor God with your finances. It will give you discipline and reap great rewards in your life.

3. Put God first in your family

Are you honoring God in your family? Do you pray regularly as a family? Do you attend church weekly as a family? Are you taking a day off each week? Do you honor God in your conversations around the dinner table? Are you loving and honoring your spouse like God wants you to? What kind of media are you allowing in your house? Is it honoring to God?

Family is so important! Your marriage is the foundation of your family. Love your spouse, love your kids and honor your parents. You will reap spiritual benefits that will last generations!

Question: What areas is God speaking to you about putting Him first in your life?

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