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TAKE HOME TRUTH

When God is _____
our foundation is _____.

To set your priorities...

- A. _____ what you value.
- B. _____ the list with eternal items.
- C. _____ your priorities accordingly.

W hat happens when we keep God first?

Principle one:

When we keep God first it will be _____
to _____. Luke 6:43-45

Application one:

Periodically pause and _____ your
_____. James 1:26

Principle two:

When we keep God first we will _____
life's _____. Luke 6:46-49

Application two:

Periodically pause and _____ your
_____. Galatians 6:7

Today's Core Practice:
Giving Away My Life: "I give away my
life to fulfill God's purposes." (from
Romans 12:1; Matthew 28:19-20)



Deeper Connection Study

Jesus' concluding words in this discourse on righteousness deal with the character of people who hear and obey his teaching in contrast with those who do not.

Today's Core Practice discussed: Giving Away My Life.

Read Luke 6:43-49 (cf. Matt. 7:16-27)

1. How can you know a person's character? What reveals who they are (vv. 43-45)?
2. How does fruitfulness show one's faith in Christ (cf. John 15:1-11)?
3. What does Jesus say about his authority (vv. 46-49)? What does he expect?
4. Why is Jesus' parable a fitting way to highlight the expectations and results of being his disciple? What does the imagery evoke?
5. What are some of Christ's commands you find difficult to follow? How does obeying Jesus show your desire to keep God first in your life?
6. How do the storms in your life reveal the quality of your foundation? What foundational areas need attention and improvement?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his words that give life. Pray for a heart of obedience to Jesus' commands and the strength to endure the storms of life. Ask God to help you bear fruit through your words and actions, giving glory to Jesus in all things.

21st Century Jesus

Luke 6:43-49



Occasionally things get out of whack in our lives and need to be reset. Sometimes it is technology like computers and cell phones that go haywire and must be rebooted. Other times it is a fuse that blows from too many electrical devices that must be flipped back on. However, there are also occasions when our priorities get out of alignment and, as a result, create chaos. Every marriage has suffered from this type of misalignment. Conflict in the parent-child relationship has resulted from incorrect priorities, and most believers' spiritual lives have been harmed when temporal concerns took precedence over a relationship with God.

The concerning aspect of these undesirable circumstances is that they happen subtly and as a result go undetected. Many believers who are in crisis are unaware that their predicament exists because they let their priorities become skewed. How about you, do you know what your priorities currently are and what God expects from you?