Seeking the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness
Matt. 6:31-33

Introduction:
A. Most of us have a focus in life – our top priority.
   1. One or more things around which we order the rest of our lives.
   2. The rest of our lives facilitates that focus – either advancing or not interfering with it.
B. Jesus tells his disciples what the focus of their lives must be.
   1. The focus of the world is material (vv. 31-32).
   2. The focus of Christians is be spiritual (v. 33).
C. Jesus tells us to focus on two things – to put them first in our lives:

Discussion:
I. The Kingdom of God.
   A. To seek the kingdom is to seek the church (cf. Matt. 16:18, 19).
      1. Early Christians in the kingdom and church (Col. 1:13, 14, 18).
      2. Jesus became head of church and king of kingdom at same time (Acts 2:30-35; Eph 1:20-22).
   B. To seek the kingdom is to be led through two major decisions of life.
      1. The decision to be saved.
         a. One decides he needs salvation – is lost (cf. John 16:8; Acts 2:37; Rom. 3:23).
         b. One decides that Jesus is the Savior – the Son of God (John 20:31; Acts 4:12).
         c. One decides to submit to the authority of the king, the head, the savior. (cf. Heb. 5:8,9).
         d. By deciding to be saved, he decides to be in the church/kingdom (Acts 2:47).
      2. The decision to stay saved.
         a. By putting the kingdom first in his life.
         b. By being faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
   C. To seek the kingdom first affects all other decisions of life – major or minor (cf. Luke 9:59-62)
      1. A man’s decision about a business trip to Japan.
      2. A young man’s decision about a gospel meeting or choir recital.
      3. A person’s decision at anytime the church meets.

II. The Righteousness of God.
   A. To seek God’s righteousness rather than trying establish our own (Rom 10:1-3)
      1. One tries to establish own righteousness by depending on perfect law keeping.
      2. One tries to establish own righteousness by devising his own standard of righteousness.
   B. To apply God’s righteousness to every department of our lives (Cf. Acts 10:35)
      1. Family
      2. Businesses.
      3. Friendships.
      4. Church

Conclusion:
A. Do you think you are seeking first the kingdom when:
   1. You choose attend one or two services a month or one a week?
   2. You never attempt to reach others with the gospel?
B. Do you think you seeking first God’s righteousness when:
   1. You fail to consider his will in your daily decisions and activities.
   2. You willfully engage in things the Bible forbids.
C. Do you really believe “these things will be added?”

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