

# Morning Lesson

## SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD FIRST

**Matt. 6:33**

### INTRO:

1. Everyone is focused on something.
2. But in all this there is to be one over-riding objective in our lives: the kingdom of Christ.
3. Paul pursued one thing. **Phil. 3:13, 14**
4. Jesus said we must put the kingdom first.  
**Matt. 6:33**

### I. SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM BEFORE EARTHLY LUXURIES. **Matt. 6:19-21**

- A. I am to seek heavenly treasures. **Col. 3:1-3**
- B. I must stay rich toward God. **Luke 12:21**
- C. I cannot serve God and materialism. **Matt. 6:24**

### II. SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM IN PREFERENCE TO THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE. **Matt. 6:25-32**

- A. Worrying about necessities is condemned because it questions God's providence. **Matt. 6:25, 27, 28, 31, 34**
- B. If we are to seek the kingdom over necessities, then think how much it should be above luxuries.

### III. HOW DO WE SEEK THE KINGDOM FIRST?

- A. First we recognize our impoverished spiritual state apart from God. **Matt. 5:3**
- B. Then we turn to God and obey him. **Matt. 7:21-23**
- C. We continue to seek God's righteousness. **Matt. 6:1; Matt. 5:6; Matt. 6:20**

### IV. WHY SEEK THE KINGDOM FIRST?

- A. It is beneficial to us. **Matt. 6:33.**
- B. Kingdom folks are heaven bound folks.

### V. HOW IS SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM FIRST MANIFESTED IN OUR LIVES?

- A. We will be in the worship assemblies. **Heb. 10:25**
- B. We will have happier families. **Eph. 5:22-6:4**
- C. I will be evangelistic.
- D. It will be reflected in my giving. **2 Cor. 9:6-8**

### CONC:

1. Does it make sense to seek the kingdom first?
2. Remember, life here is brief, but eternity is forever.