# The Peace and Power of a Prioritized Life
## Selected Scriptures

### Series:  Biblical Priorities - Part 1

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

*Matthew 6:33*

**Introduction** – The Story of Captain "Right Now"

I.      **Six symptoms that reveal our priorities are "off course."**

## II.  An Overview of Biblical Priorities

"The Twin Epistles"

| TOPIC | COLOSSIANS | EPHESIANS |
|-------|------------|-----------|
| God | 3:1-7 | 5:1-20 |
| Mate | 3:18-19 | 5:21-33 |
| Family | 3:20-21 | 6:1-4 |
| Work | 3:22-4:1 | 6:5-9 |
| Ministry | 4:2-6 | 6:10-20 |

## III.  Two Words Hold The Keys To Enjoying The Peace and Power of a Prioritized Life.

- Your _____

*10 The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.  11 Who knows the power of your anger?  For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.  12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

*Psalm 90:10-12*

*15  Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

*Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB)*

## Application:

- Your _____

*9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

Proverbs 3:9-10

## Application:

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the word "priority" mean?  Why is it so important that we live a prioritized life?

2. What are some of the negative consequences of failing to live by God's priorities?  Which of the six symptoms could you identify with most closely?

3. Whose "best interest" does God have in mind when He teaches us to live according to Biblical priorities?

4. Why does our use of time and money most accurately reflect our real priorities?

5. Lasting change demands deep prolonged thinking.  When will you set aside some significant time to think through and discuss your priorities with your closest friend?