

**How To Put First Things First**  
Selected Scriptures

**Series: Biblical Priorities - Part 2**

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

*Matthew 6:33*

**I. Why do most of us live with two sets of priorities?**

**II. What's the "Missing Ingredient" to living out our priorities?**

*“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful, yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”*

Hebrews 12:11 (NASB)

**III. The dynamics of biblical discipline can be summed up in two words: \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*24 “Do you now know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 And everyone who competes in the games exercises self control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I buffet my body and make it slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.”*

I Corinthians 9:24-27

**IV. The method of developing biblical discipline can be summed up in three words: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.**

**How?**

A.

B.

C.

**Next Week: How to stay disciplined for the Long Haul**

## Discussion Questions

1. What does living by “two sets” of priorities produce in our emotional and spiritual lives?
2. List a couple common reasons why we tend to avoid dealing deeply with priority issues even when we know it’s important.
3. Define discipline. How does this definition differ from your thinking about “discipline” in the past? Why is it critical to see discipline in a positive light?
4. Share some specific examples of how “advanced decision-making” has helped you become disciplined. How does it make you feel when you’re disciplined?
5. Share one specific area (time, money or relationship) issue that you believe God wants you to prioritize according to His design. Discuss what delayed gratification looks like and what advanced decision you’ll need to make.