

Divine Order—Priorities

One of the greatest challenges to the things we face is **priorities**. Once we have the wrong priorities, problems begin to creep in. We all have misplaced priorities in the past, but going forward we have to be intentional and deliberate to correct them. One of the key things the Word of God brings out more than ever is us having the right priorities.

The Word reveals **divine order** that we need to recognize and adhere to as we believe and seek God. God is gracious and He does not move in our lives entirely based on how accurate we do things and all, but this is no substitute to not following divine order.

Text: Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

- i) When you read this passage, what stands out to you? Well, this verse says many important points we can delve into, but one I want to focus on is one that people rarely talk about and that is the word “first.”
- ii) This word is bringing out a priority above anything else. It is highlighting how we need to seek God first above anything else. It is speaking of having the right priorities.
- iii) In the desire to be prosperous, we should be very cautious not to pursue after the money. We should be very cautious to remember that there is a divine order that we need to consider lest we violate the Word. We are to seek **first** (divine order) the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto us (Matthew 6:33). It is important to remember that the richest man who ever lived never sought riches, but God. The Word of God has some strong warnings against the snares of riches and money.
- iv) **Going abroad and Family:** I know a couple friend that were dating and at the time they were headed to marriage. Things were looking good. My wife and them had a duo date and later about two weeks later connected with the man and as we talked, I found out that the lady was planning to move to another country for work and/or school. I told the guy that this relationship is brand new, and her traveling could almost potentially end it or put things in jeopardy. I called and spoke to her, and I asked her to cancel her plans to travel and focus on the new beautiful

relationship God had blessed her with. She accepted to do that, Hallelujah! But guess what, the issue here was wrong priorities, and it almost destroyed their relationship.

- v) True, all of us want a better life, but at what cost. Many of people have made decisions that are shockingly interesting, and I could argue that were out of Divine Order. Many sell homes, lands, and all these properties they have to travel to a western country. They leave family behind and go for years. Guess what usually happens? The man finds another woman over there, the woman finds another man here and the family goes to hell or is ruined. This could not have happened if it was not for wrong priorities and ignorance of divine order.
- a) Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
 - i) Principal—according to divine order, Wisdom has to be pursued above many things.
- b) Luke 9:59 And he said unto another, **Follow me**. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
- c) Luke 10:42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.
- d) Matthew 7:5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.
- e) Matthew 23:26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Head of the home

- a) Ephesians 5:22-24 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
 - i) The husband is the head of the wife. He is the leader of the home. In the name of gender equality, modern perverted culture has tried to flip thereby disrupting divine order, but according to the Word of God, the man is the head. Other men decided to not work but sit home and watch the children while the woman goes to work simply because she earns more than him.

- ii) You have heard things like “she is the bread winner. She makes more money.” Well, while making more money is not a bad thing, how much a person earns does not necessarily make her the head. It gives the person more influence but headship, leadership, and the anointing to be head come from the Lord and was given to the husband. It cannot be delegated lest it alters divine order.
 - iii) According to divine order set for the marriage, family, and home, a husband must go to work even if he makes less. He is anointed by the Lord to be the bread winner and provider—that responsibility rests on him even if he earns less than the wife. It is not just about what makes sense but what is consistent with divine order. The wife can and may help but this does not relieve the husband of his God-directed responsibility.
 - iv) According to divine order, the man is and ought to be the bread winner and the head of the home. This is the right order that God has blessed and the anointing for the same flows only in line with divine order.
- b) 1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.
- i) Man did not make this. God did. This is divine order.
- c) 1 Corinthians 11:8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.
- i) These are not saying that the man is the head of women, but **the woman** (wife). This is speaking in line with the husband wife relationship.

Children or Spouse

This is another one that is very dicey for many people. They are sometimes caught between situations where they want to choose between children or wife. From the biblical standpoint, your spouse specifically (wife or husband) holds a stronger and higher position than your children.

- a) Genesis 2:23-24 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
- i) Notice that man leaves and cleaves then husband and wife become **one flesh**. Children and their parents do not become one flesh. The unity between husband and wife is as strong if not stronger than that of children-parent which many overlook. Divine order teaches that a relationship between husband and wife is more important than relationship between their children and parents.

- ii) One thing I know, children will soon grow up and leave and cleave to their spouse. They will become one flesh with that person according to divine order. That spouse will then be more important than siblings and/or parents. Why? Because according to divine order, they have become one flesh.

b) Sarah or Ishmael?

- i) Genesis 21:9-14 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. 10 **Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.** 11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.
 - o Who had to go? Was it Sarah or the child? This child was Abraham's seed or as some say blood, but they had to send them away according to divine order, in this marriage and home, Ishmael was not more important than Sarah. According to Genesis 2:23-24, Sarah was one flesh with Abraham—not with Ishmael.
 - o Galatians 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.
 - Both—Hagar and Ishmael had to be cast out. This was to not only bring about harmony in the home and marriage but getting things back to divine order.

Marriage

According to divine order Marriage is between two people of opposite sex from birth. Man (biological) and a Woman (biological).

Promotion and/or seeking same sex marriage is not according to divine order. It violates it. It is against the scriptures. God loves all these people and He died for them, but **He does not change divine order to accommodate man's perversion.**

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