

### **Job 22:22-28 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, And lay up His words in your heart.

<sup>23</sup> If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; You will remove iniquity far from your tents. <sup>24</sup> Then you will lay your gold in the dust, And the *gold* of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. <sup>25</sup> Yes, the Almighty will be your gold And your precious silver; <sup>26</sup> For then you will

have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God. <sup>27</sup> You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, And you will pay your vows. <sup>28</sup> You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

### **Coming Back**

#### **Have You Really Surrendered**

**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV2011)** If you declare with your mouth, “**Jesus is Lord,**” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

**To Surrender;** Is to submit to God, to give up. Placing His will for your life above yours.

Issues: We tend to design and plan our lives without even checking with God to see what His will is for us. We make our own plans. Your plans may be good, but it doesn't mean they are the best.

**To Believe:** Is to accept what He has said as true; being sure of the truth of His Word.

**Proverbs 19:21 (NIV2011)** Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

**Mark 8:34-36 (NIV2011)** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever **wants to be my disciple** must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

- **GETTING YOUR PRIORITIES RIGHT**

**Matthew 6:33-34 (NIV2011)** But **seek** first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**Priority:** a priority is being something or someone regarded or treated as more important. When something is a priority that means you place it on the top of your list.

*Importance, Urgency, Main Concern, Significance*

**Psalm 62:8 (NIV2011)** Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

### **1. The Priority of knowing Jesus for yourself: Matthew 11:29-30 (AMP)**

It is about having a real relationship with Jesus, He invites us to come to Him and learn of Him.

Take My yoke upon you and **learn of Me**, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light *and* easy to be borne.

### **2. The Priority of being filled with The Holy Spirit John 20:21-22 (NIV2011)**

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

**John 7:38-39 (NIV2011)** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

### **3. The Priority of Obedience to God John 15:9-10 (NIV2011)**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **If you keep my commands**, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

### **4. The Priority of God’s Word Joshua 1:8 (NIV2011)**

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

### **5. The Priority of Prayer 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV2011) Philippians 4:6 (CEV)**

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Don't worry about anything but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

### **6. The Priority of Praise and Worship Psalm 150:1-6 (CEV)**

Shout praises to the LORD! Praise God in his temple. Praise him in heaven, his mighty fortress. <sup>2</sup> Praise our God! His deeds are wonderful, too marvelous to describe.

<sup>3</sup> Praise God with trumpets and all kinds of harps. <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourines and dancing, with stringed instruments and woodwinds. <sup>5</sup> Praise God with cymbals, with

clashing cymbals. <sup>6</sup> Let every living creature praise the LORD. Shout praises to the LORD!

**7. The Priority of Attending Church Hebrews 10:24-25 (CEV)**

We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things.

<sup>25</sup> Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

**8. The Priority of Witnessing and Spreading the Gospel Luke 4:18 (CEV)**

"The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,