“First things first”
Matthew 6:33

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INTRODUCTION:
Today we are looking at one of the great texts of Scripture that should be taken in context but also stands alone as one of the great promises of Scripture.

*“Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added unto you as well.”*

Summed up it means, “put God ….…….. and you will have all you …….……..”

The context is all about …………………………..
Jesus says: “……………………………………………, I will provide the essentials”

The issue: get your ………………………………………………….!

Solomon’s example: 1 Kings 3:9, 11-13

Psalm 90:12 "*So teach us to number our days,
 that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”*

Life is like a dollar bill: you can spend it any way you like, but you can only
…………………………………………………. You can waste it or invest it!

We can summarize what Jesus says here by 3 words:
 “……………..……………………………………..!”
Allow this verse to transform your life.

**FIRST, it’s a P………………………………**

“Seek …”
Seek means to ………………………………………………………………………………………

The implication: ………………………… & ………………………..

This is not a “quick fix verse” but a …………………………………………

Jesus did not say, “RECEIVE the kingdom of God” but “SEEK it !!”

 Are you seeking … looking?

**SECOND, we see a P………………………………………**

“Seek first …”

This is not like a shopping list!

This means “NO ……………………………………….”

**THIRD, we observe the P…………………………….. of God**

“… the Kingdom of God”

The kingdom of God refers to a number of things, but put together, as we discover in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), the kingdom of God refers to the realm of the un-……………………… ………………………

It means God’s …………………………… on your life; it is the …………………………. of the Spirit in your life.

* Acts 1:8
* 1 Corinthians 4:20

Genesis 32:28

***What is Jesus saying to YOU this morning?***

* Your …………….…………… with God is more important than anything else.
* The ……..………… of God is more important than anything else.
* The …………….…… of God and seeking God’s honour is more important than anything else.
* ……………………………………………………….. is the most important pursuit.
* Finding out what ………………….the Lord is your most important discovery.

**FOURTH, we see in this text P………………………….**

“Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his RIGHTEOUSNESS”

This is God’s righteousness: we need to ………………….. God.

Jeremiah 29:13

Matthew 6:33 is not talking about *imputed righteousness* but rather about

…………………………… God’s ………………….……..

**FIFTH, we find a P………………………………**

“… and all these things will be added to you as well”

Three type of promises:

* Specific promises
* Unconditional promises
* Conditional promises

Matthew 6:33 is a …………………………………. promise

**FINALLY, we observe a P………………………………….**

Forget about all these …………………………., and you will ……………………………them.

Seek them and they will ……………………………………………

Matthew 16:25

John 12:24

Solomon’s example

This past week we have been praying and focusing on two verses, which are at the heart of Kingdom living:

* **The Great Command – Matthew 22:37-38***“Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind … … love your neighbor as yourself.”*
* **The Great Commission - Matthew 28:18-20**
*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you unto the end of the age****.***

We have this statement: **“Love God, love people, serve nations”**

Will you not commit yourself to growing in these areas in 2020:

* **Loving God:** growing in your love & worship of God
* **Loving people**: sensitive to and serving others

* **Serving nations**: sharing the good news about Jesus