

# *SUMMER COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP*

*Summer 2024*

*“In All My Ways: Preparing for the coming of the Lord”*

*Key Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6*

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## ***IV. The Way of Faith and Compromise***

### *A. Priorities in the way of Faith*

#### *1. On what basis should we determine priorities? - Some Opinions*

- a. What is important to me?*
- b. What is culturally relevant?*
- c. The newest fad running through the churches?*
- d. Sunday School Answer – God’s Word?*

#### *2. What Does God say about Priorities? - Key Passages:*

*Mt 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

*Mt 22:37-38 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is the first and great commandment.*

*1Co 13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

*1Co 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,*

*Ps 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

*1Ti 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.*

*What are some priorities from God’s perspective?*

#### *3. Putting God First*

*Mt 5:23-24 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

*Mt 7:5 "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

*1Jo 3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,*

*14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

*1Jo 3:17-18 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*

*1Jo 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

*20-21 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

*1Jo 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*

*How do we show that our priorities are in line with God's?*

*Is it easy to be aligned with God's priorities?*

*2Pe 1:3-4 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

*According to 2 Pe 1:3-4, what resources has God given us so that He can say that keeping His commandments is not burdensome?*

4. **Compromise** – an agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions. Accepting standards that are lower than is desirable.

5. *How do we compromise?*

*Mt 8:18-22 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. 19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." 21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."*

*From Jesus' answer to the Scribe, what may have been his priority?*

*From Jesus' answer to the other disciple, what may have been his priority?*

*Re 2:2-6 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. 4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent. 6 "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

*In verses Rev 2:2-3,6, how did their priorities line up with God's?*

*In verses 4-5, how did their priorities not line up with God's? How did it show?*

*In verse 5, what was God's solution?*

*Re 3:15-22 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- 18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

*In Rev 3:15-16, how did their priorities not line up with God's?*

*In verse 17, how did it show?*

*In verses 18-20, what was God's solution?*

#### *6. How we get waylaid*

*Jer 29:8-9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD.*

*Ro 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.*

*Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

*What is the main concern?*

*Mt 15:2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."*

*Col 2:4 Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.*

*Col 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.*

*Col 2:16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,*

*Col 2:18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

*Col 2:20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations-- 21 "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," 22 which all concern things which perish with the using--according to the commandments and doctrines of men?23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.*

*What is one area where we may be deceived?*

*How might we be deceived?*

*To what are they leading us in their deception?*

*In Col 2:23, how are these things so deceptive?*