

# But First

## Matt 6:33 & Col 3:24

### **Introduction:**

**Putting God First** – is when God is the true head of your life. Meaning your life is conformed to God's principals and precepts. There is nothing before Him in all aspects of your life.

### **I. What it Means to Put God First**

- a. Let – to allow, to permit, to acknowledge
- b. Be – Exist, be present, to be real, and alive
- c. First – to be head of, to be before all.

### **II. God's Requirements**

- a. No other God's before me Ex 20:3
- b. He will not force His way into being first

### **III. The Flesh is not Subject to God**

- a. If the mind wants something it tells the flesh and the flesh gets the desire for it
- b. We are to have the mind of Christ Phil 2:5
- c. Which is to do the will of God and that mind will control our flesh

### **IV. Organization of Priorities Matt 6:33**

- a. Today's mindset is to get all these other things first and if you have time then seek God
- b. Having materials things is not the issue, but having them before God is

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### **V. Position and Relationship**

- a. Position – is the proper location and proper place of something (God) at any given time
- b. Relationship – is the condition of being connected.
- c. King David understood position Ps 23

### **VI. We Leave Ourselves Open to the Devils Attacks**

- a. People are dying spiritually because they fail to Let God Be First
- b. We try to take God places He will not go and we leave ourselves open to the devils attack
- c. We need to understand the concept “Where God leads me I will follow.”

### **VII. Relationship Col 3:24**

- a. In order to receive and inheritance there has to be a relationship, a connection to God.
- b. When you fail to understand your relationship to God, you find yourself trying to the thing only God can do. Jhn 15:5
- c. We are living off the interest of our inheritance now

### **VIII. Normal Praise vs. A Ridiculous Praise**

- a. A normal praise is when you have a blessing and you know what the blessing is and you praise God for the blessing
- b. A Ridiculous Praise is when all hell is breaking loose in your life and you are still able to give God praise Ps 100:4