

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019
Wednesday Night Couples Groups
Balancing Life's Demands-week 1

The Peace and Power of a Prioritized Life- Part 1

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Six symptoms of misplaced priorities:

1. **BUSYNESS**-The Activity Trap.
2. **UNDUE** stress and pressure.
3. Lowgrade **NAGGING GUILT**.
4. **FINANCIAL** debt.
5. **PRAYER-LESSNESS** - "Leakage" in your devotional life.
6. **EXCESSIVE** behavior.

An overview of biblical priorities:

"The Twin Epistles": Colossians and Ephesians

God: Colossians 3:1-7; Ephesians 5:1-20

Mate: Colossians 3:18-19; Ephesians 5:21-33

Family: Colossians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:1-4

Work: Colossians 3:22-4:1; Ephesians 6:5-9

Ministry: Colossians 4:2-6; Ephesians 6:10-20

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the word "priority" mean?
2. Why is it so important that we live a prioritized life?
3. What are some of the negative consequences of failing to live by God's priorities?
4. Which of the six symptoms could you identify with most closely?
5. Whose "best interest" does God have in mind when He teaches us to live according to Biblical priorities?