

GROWING STRONGER

Part 2: Godly Priorities

PRIORITIES

- Defined: Something given special or prior attention. Giving precedence. Treating as more important.
- Priorities are a part of our lives
 1. Determine our direction
 2. Are revealed by our actions
 3. Can be realigned - intentional choices
- Making God top priority
 1. We esteem Him and the Lord Jesus as most important
 2. Jesus had His priorities established by God's word (***Luke 4:5-8 NKJ***)

JEHOSHAPHAT: A KING WITH GODLY PRIORITIES

- Honoring God was first (***2 Chronicles 17:6-7,9-12 NKJ***)
 1. He removed the things that were against God
 2. He built up the people spirituality
 3. The blessings followed
- Being human he was pulled off course (***2 Chronicles 18:1-3 NKJ***)
 1. He allied himself with the wrong person
 2. Jehoshaphat was not leading in this relationship
- Helping people was a priority (***2 Chronicles 19:4-7, 9 NKJ***)
 1. He wanted people connected to God
 2. He wanted people treated right

DEVELOPING GODLY PRIORITIES

- Began to put God and His word as top priority
 1. Don't fit Him in make Him first
 2. What does His word say?
- Make sure alliances are healthy, not harmful
 1. Don't align yourself with people who are against God (***2 Corinthians 6:14-16 NKJ***)
 2. Unequally yoked are the operative words
- Make your priorities bigger than you (***Matthew 22:36-39 NKJ***)
 1. Loving God and His Kingdom
 2. Loving people