

for the
priorities
on a new

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct^[a] your paths.



4 Categories Of Priorities In Life

- ▣ Goals related to the spirit
- ▣ Goals related to the world
- ▣ Goals related the person themselves
- ▣ Goals related to the others and the whole society



Goals related to the spirit

- Love God from all the heart and follow His commandments as written in the bible and practiced in the church.[pray regularly with the Agbia , daily reading and contemplation in the word of God, live ascetic life , steadfast in the life of sacraments ,obey strictly the parents , serve them if they are in need ,...]
- Eager to spread the kingdom of heaven through serving the body of Christ and declaring His light to everyone.[serve any need in the church , serve any member of the church, lead others in the way of kingdom, mission work ,.....]



Goals related to the world

- ▣ Desires (lusts) of flesh, which may include all the forms of sexual uncleanness , and friendships [life of x-rated fun, sex outside marriage , night clubs , ...]
- ▣ Desires (lusts) of eyes , which include the desire of the ego and show off.[using the sort of attraction , unacceptable fashion , arrogant behaviour]
- ▣ The pride of life, which include the desire for more possessions and becoming rich. [fond of new cars , ...]



Goals related the person themselves

- Prosperity in the gifts and/or the career the person has from God.[be brilliant in studies/results , advanced in work ,looking for a better career ,.....]
- Marriage and family [wife and children ,...]



Goals related to the others and the whole society

- ▣ Help the poor , sick , needy ,orphans, and whoever in a disaster situation in the community around us and in the other countries of the world.[share in community work , collecting for the needy ,]



Important things to note

1. read GreatNews
2. have a cup of coffee
3. prove $E = mc^2$

1. God can be present in all four categories
2. Goals may be a mixture between more than one category.
3. For every goal there are commitments , rewards or bad consequences .
4. To put the priority goals in practice ,it needs resources. The resources allocated are :
 - Time
 - Will; and,
 - The environment .

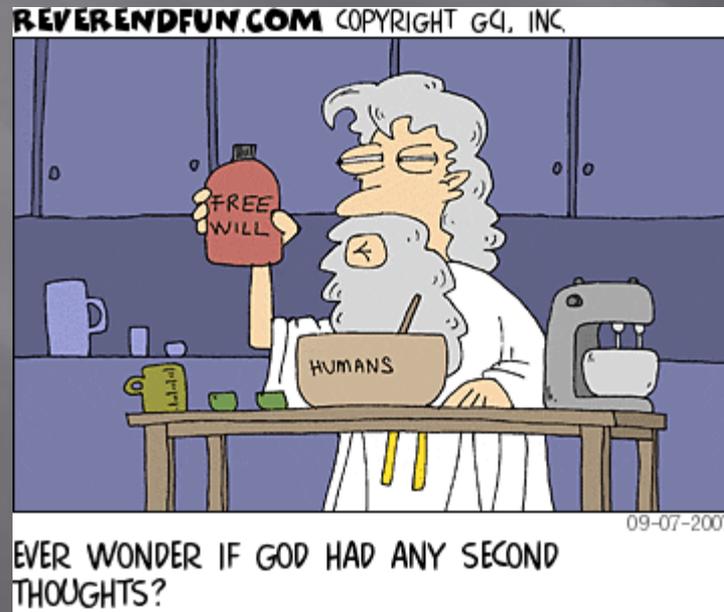
Time

- ▣ The time is a very crucial element. Some principals of time management are:
 - All men are created equal with respect to time . Everyone has 24 hours in a day. The difference is in how we use the time.
 - We will always have enough time to do God's will
 - Time is lost on the smaller things first. It is said we lose minutes before we loose hours , days before we lose weeks. Often time is lost in the gaps between activities doing unproductive things. Make a habit of keeping a pen with you to fill these gaps.
 - Relaxation is not a wasted time. Rest for our body is essential to get back into an optimal state. Sabbath is not O.T. is an example of this.



Will

- ▣ The 'will' needs to be encouraged to be strong . The grace of God is the essential factor to strengthen the weak 'will'.
- ▣ Being near to God through prayers , obedience to the commandment , practicing the sacraments ,...is a practical cry to the grace of God to work and support your will.



Environment

- ▣ The environment we allow ourselves to enter into or live in will greatly effect our priorities.
- ▣ Examples:
 - Being around people close to God who want to work hard in life will steer your priorities to have the same goals.
 - Being around people who just want to party and drink will also steer priorities/ goals in those directions.
- ▣ Carefully choose your environment as it will greatly effect both your priorities and your life.



Change is always possible

- Even if your priorities were wrong in the past it's never too late to change them.
- But be careful as good priorities can turn into bad ones if you're not vigilant.
- Example:
 - Demas being an apostle of Christ working with Saint Paul changed and his priorities became those of the world and not of the spirit.



Listing your priorities

- ▣ Now most of you being in year 11 or 12 have probably signed 'contracts' with your confession fathers listing your:
 - Proprieties,
 - Goals,
 - Methods of achieving them (including environment that you will allow yourself)
 - Expected sacrifices,
 - Expected rewards,
- ▣ If you have not entered into one it is strongly recommended that you do so.
- ▣ Come talk to either your confession father or one of the servants if you want more information.



GLORY BE TO GOD.



FOREVER and EVER. AMEN