Setting Priorities

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Jesus Christ instructed us to "*…seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*" (Matt. 6:33) because *"what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"* (Matt. 16:26). C.K. Chesterton was right when he said "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it's been found difficult and therefore rarely tried."

Christians are constantly in a battle between **not** neglecting *the essential things* (God, obedience, the spiritual) and **not** overemphasizing *the important things* (paying bills, cleaning house, being a responsible employee, etc.). You can be sure that the devil is in the background somewhere encouraging you to neglect the essential things!

Do we need a greater Advisor than Jesus Christ? Do you not think that He truly knows what is best for us? When our lives come to an end, and we are swiftly whisked away into eternity, then we will truly know what was important! But that may be too late to do something about it, my friend.

Moreover, the cross of Christ is a constant reminder of what is truly important. Every week we remember the Lord's death until He comes again. Do you know why? So that we won't forget what is truly important in our lives.

For those who are *too busy* to attend Bible classes, weekly worship and the affairs of the church, they are bypassing the most important events in their weekly life because those things alone will keep you focused on the eternal. I never ceased to be amazed at those Christians who deliberately miss Bible classes as though studying God's Word is just not that important. We also need to be sure that we do not get into **a spiritual rut —** taking for granted everything which Christ has ordained in the church's public worship to remind us of what's important.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, focus on your priorities regularly. It does not take much to become indifferent to the essentials.

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