

First Things First

Simplify Your Life #2 – Pastor Gary Combs – 8/17/14 – Mark 12:30

Mark 12:30 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

How to Put First Things First in Celebrating God's Son:

1. Give Christ the first part of your week through _____.

Revelation 2:4 ...You have forsaken your first love.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (ESV) Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV) The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV84) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord...

2. Give Christ the first conversation of your day through _____.

Luke 5:16 (CEV) But Jesus would often go to some place where he could be alone and pray.

Mark 1:35 (CEV) Very early the next morning, Jesus got up and went to a place where he could be alone and pray.

3. Give Christ the first thought of your day through _____.

Psalms 1:2 (NIV) his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

4. Give Christ the first part of your substance through _____.

Proverbs 3:9 (Msg) Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT) You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (Msg) Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can. When I get there you'll have it ready, and I won't have to make a special appeal.