

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008    Command of Christ → Seek First the Kingdom  
Character Quality → Initiative  
Scripture Reference → Matthew 6:33

2 principles:    God first.  
                          The spiritual over the physical.

Where is the first place we go when we have questions that need to be answered?

- Who / what do we consult?
- There is a worldly wisdom and a heavenly wisdom. (James 3:17, 18)

There are rewards for seeking the kingdom first.

- How we use God's wisdom determines its priority in our lives.
- The priority of the kingdom is an invitation to a life of faith.
- God promises that seeking Him first (spiritual) will cause the other things (physical) to be manifest in our lives.

What "seeking the kingdom first" will accomplish for us:

- It identifies the basis of our confidence. (v.19)
- It prompts us to cultivate eternal, spiritual fruit. (v.20)
- It reveals the content of our heart. (v.21)
- It determines what will motivate us. (v.22, 23)
- It forces us to choose what / whom we will serve. (v.24)
- It dispels fear. (vs. 25-29)
- It asserts God's sovereignty over our lives. (v.30)
- It establishes trust. (v.31)
- It replaces lust. (v.32)