**Devotion**

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Matthew 6:33

“33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

**Seek Ye First**

One word that stands out to me in this verse is the word seek. Anytime I hear the word seek, I think of the childhood game hide and go seek. I loved playing hide and go seek as a child. I liked the hiding part a lot more than the seeking part. The word seek comes from the Greek word Zeteo. Zeteo literally means to seek, to search, to desire, and to require. These are all actions that we need to have when seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

My initial thoughts from reading this scripture concerns time management. I am a fan of time management. I am always going to be 15 minutes early to any event. As humans we are a very busy people. Many of us have to eat our breakfast on the way to work. In the 21st century, our main form of communication is in the form of email and text messaging. We are certainly a busy people. Many induvial wrote books and articles to help us humans manage our time better. However, Jesus Christ gives us the only advice we really need concerning time management.

As Christians, we need to remember that we should concern ourselves with better things. We should be focused on heavenly things and things above. When we are focused on things above and our ways are the ways of holiness, God has a way of providing the necessary supports of life. God has a way of making sure everything flows properly between our spiritual, personal and professional lives.

Also, God has a way of blessing us when we seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness first. Many times we are presented opportunities to serve the Lord. Sometimes we respond to serve the Lord and sometimes we fail to serve the Lord. As Christians, we make excuses that we are too busy or have other engagements. I know I have been guilty of this at times in my life. However, I have found that when I am obedient, the Lord has a way of blessing me. I encourage you to adhere to this scripture. I know the verse is something that I need in my life today.

Praying for blessings for you today!

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