

John Bunyan in his Pilgrim's Progress tells us of the man with the muckrake - grubbing away among the rubbish - never looked up to see the crown above his head.

1. THE FIRST OBJECT OF HUMAN PURSUIT: *should be in first place*
 1. "SEEK ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. *in his feverish quest for success man is like that.*"
 2. The true order of our pursuit should be: *Business*
First, God; Second, Others; Third, Self. *pleasure all*
 3. Another way of putting it would be: *keep him*
First, Righteousness; Second, Duty; Third, Pleasure. *looking down*
 4. They way we arrange it often:
First, Pleasure; Second, Righteousness; Third, Duty.
2. *5. He had not first; Sunday night, Wed. night - maybe Sunday morning*
Since, in a very large measure, we have reversed the matter we should have a look at ourselves.

3. WHEN THE LORD COMES FIRST. Sad but true there are times when some Christians are willing to put the Lord first. What are these?

1. When we have suffered financial setbacks.
 1. They begin first to economize in cutting their contribution to the church.
 2. They never begin first to economize at: the recreation they enjoy so much. FOOD, GOOD CLOTHES, good cars, ETC.

2. The Lord is FIRST remembered when:
 1. The teacher, preacher, member, visits the doctor
(1) Blood pressure is high...Nerves on edge...go everywhere but to church. **Have to avoid** crowds...You guessed it! **THE LORD IS FIRST TO BE REMEMBERED.**

4. THE RESULT OF REALLY PUTTING THE LORD FIRST.
 1. Some one has said, "Ask heavenly things, and earthly things shall be added to you."
 1. This is exactly what Jesus taught. No marvel here. Matt. 6:33; Luke 6:38; Col. 3:1,2;
 2. It will be a joyful surprise to find how all life will fall into place, and everything gets provided for when we "SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS," See Matt. 6:34

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