

Learning to be a Priority Person, Not a Perfect One

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 SERIES: BRINGING BALANCE TO YOUR OUT OF BALANCE LIFE

KEY VERSE:

You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.
 Proverbs 19:21 (NLT)

TO BE CHRIST-LIKE MEANS:

1. _____ Like Jesus

Think the same way that Christ Jesus thought.
 -Philippians 2:5 (CEV)

2. _____ Like Jesus

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...
 -Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

3. _____ Like Jesus

And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.
 -Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

LIFE-PRIORITIES OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER:

A Christ Follower...

1. _____ what they say.

If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man.
 -James 3:2 (NKJV)

An encouraging word cheers a person up.
 -Proverbs 12:25 (NLT)



2. _____ help to others.

Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to. -Ephesians 5:17 (TLB)

God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. That's why he sent Christ to make us what we are.
 -Ephesians 2:10 (CEV)



3. _____ out through relationships.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
 -John 15:13 (NIV)

[see also Matthew 5:7 (MSG); Ezekiel 18:5-9 (MSG)]



MY RELATIONSHIP BANK:

- A. _____ Relationships.
- B. _____ Relationships.
- C. _____ Relationships.
- D. _____ Relationships.
- E. _____.
- F. _____ People.
- G. _____.
- H. Common _____ People.

4. _____ for the good of others.

Don't be selfish...
 -Philippians 2:3a (TLB)

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. -1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV)

It doesn't matter how much you have. What matters is how much you are willing to give from what you have. -2 Corinthians 8:12 (CEV)

[see also Hebrews 13:16 (GW); Matthew 20:28 (MSG); John 13:15 (NLT)]



5. _____ daily on God's help.

Give yourselves to God, surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes. -Romans 6:13 (TEV)

Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him...2 Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want. -1 Peter 4:1 (MSG)



Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How can we keep our priorities on the "front burner"? Share ideas.
2. Why do we so easily get distracted?
3. What is Jesus' plan for us? Share thoughts.
4. Share some of the priorities of the people in your group.
5. Take time to pray for the needs of those in your group.

Answer Key:

Think; Feel; Act; Watches; Offers; Reaches; Family; Work; Social; Community;
 Acquaintances; Service; Neighbors; Interest; Sacrifices; Depends

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