

Living In Relationship To God

The First Commandment

Priorities:

It was 99 degrees in San Antonio when a ten-month-old baby girl was accidentally locked inside a parked car by her aunt. Frantically the mother and aunt ran around the auto in near hysteria, while a neighbor attempted to unlock the car with a clothes hanger. Soon the infant was turning purple and had foam on her mouth. It had become a life-or-death situation when Fred Arriola, a wrecker driver, arrived on the scene. He grabbed a hammer and smashed the back window of the car to set the little girl free.

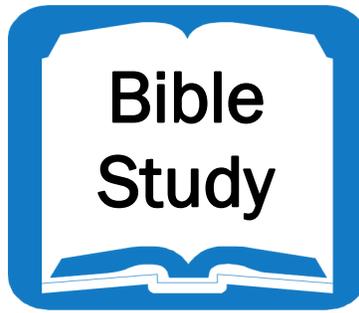
Was Mr. Arriola a hero? He later said, "The lady was mad at me because I broke the window. I just thought, 'What's more important—the window or the baby?'"

Priorities can get mixed up.

How do we sometimes get priorities mixed up when it comes to the relationship we have with our Heavenly Father?

When it comes to priorities in our lives God is to be first. We are to trust in God alone, look to Him alone for help and comfort, and expect only good things from Him. We are to have no other gods!

From Luther's Large Catechism



What do the following passages have to say about what's really important?

Day One: Matthew 22:37

Day Two: Proverbs 4:23

Day Three: Psalm 118:8

Day Four: Proverbs 3:1

Day Five: Matthew 6:20



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For Discussion:

Daniel 3

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship always begins with God giving to us. What did God give to the men according to Dan. 3:17?
2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. What were the men willing to do according to verse 18?
3. What does it take to be able to make that kind of statement?
4. What kind of sacrifices are Christians called upon to make today?
5. How did God save the three men?
6. How does God save us?

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I serve Him with my whole heart.