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Leaders Stay Focused (Mathew 6:33)

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This study/devotional is prepared for government leaders in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Kansas government. We trust that these summary notes are inspiring and encouraging.

INTRODUCTION

How do you keep your focus on the desired mission? Back in the years when I was a flight line mechanic, my focus was to restore a malfunctioning system on the airplane I was assigned. I was not required to comprehend the mission of United Airlines in order to make a contribution. Today, it may not be possible for a State employee to contribute without embracing the mission of the agency. Every action must work toward the agreed upon outcome. How does this relate to your daily activities and a place in eternity?

FIRST THINGS

Mathew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you¹.

Seeking first means “highest priority” from the Greek *protos*. This is the kind of effort it would take to gain an elected or a high level appointed position.

The kingdom of God refers to the spiritual rule over those who are chosen through grace (salvation).

His righteousness comes to us by Christ’s payment of our sin debt. We do not work for this but we honor the Sovereign Lord out of love, by following the example Jesus gave during His teaching ministry.

What kinds of things are added to us as a result of our righteousness? We look over the preceding paragraph (Mathew 6:25-32) and see the nouns which the pronoun “these” relates to. The elaborated list includes: wealth, food, drink, clothing, and life itself. The paragraph ends with Jesus’ reassuring statement: ***“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will bring its own worries”*** (verse 34).

YOU’RE LIFE OF FAITH

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.²

Our personal mission statement should point to an eternal presence with God Almighty. All we do should have its focus on service in His kingdom. Note the somewhat parallel service mission of a civil servant or elected official up to this point. However, like a loving parent, God desires a relationship with you more than merely your service. The father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:14-20) yearned for his run-away boy’s companionship, not for his service on the ranch! The boy was starving for his true home and reconciliation to his earthly father. You and I should hunger for this transformation with our Father God and fellowship with other kingdom family members here. How is your focus on this point?

CONCLUSION

Mission and focus are critical for success here on earth. Solomon achieved the very highest success during his relatively long lifetime and concluded that it all was vanity (Ecclesiastes, Chapter 12). He advised us to remember our Creator. How rich is your communion with God and with your spiritual brothers and sisters?

A Prayer:

Father God, I long to be in my true home and in communion with You. Thank You for giving me opportunities to serve others, even “the least of these” here during this life. Please keep me in close fellowship with You with and those that You put in my life. I ask this in the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

¹ The Holy Bible, New American Standard Version (Lockman Foundation). 1995.

² The Holy Bible, King James Version (Public domain).

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