

Presentation on 100 Huntley Street

March 2: The Gas Principle: Seek first His Kingdom and submit your requests to Him

Today we end our talk on the GAS Principle as we review the third item.

The GAS Principle

1. **God owns everything (Psalm 24:1-2)**
2. **Accept what you have (Hebrews 13:5)**
3. **Seek first His Kingdom (Matthew 6:33) and submit your requests to Him (Proverbs 19:21)**

Matthew 6:33 says seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. What things? Many folks believe they include grown-up toys, so they treat God as a slot machine asking Him to fulfill every want. Then they become frustrated if they don't get their toys.

When we seek first His Kingdom, we give Him our requests, confident His plans will prevail. We do what He wants, go where He shows, and live Christ-centered lives; convinced He knows our current and future needs. Psalm 139:4 says,

"Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD."

Regrettably, many people say they don't have time to spend with Jesus so they don't listen to Him. Folks, each of us has 24 hours, so time isn't an issue. Daily, believers ought to enter the "**Time BED**" to understand these three words so they may hear Jesus' voice: **Busy, effective and discipline.**

Let's look at each. First, **busy**. Everyone says he is busy as if it isn't normal! According to the Oxford dictionary, busy merely means ...

Busy: Occupied with your mind concentrated

Busy is a good state, a blessing! Unfortunately, most people are busy concentrating on their own agendas. How can we say Jesus is our Lord yet He isn't our priority? We need to redirect our busyness and concentrate our minds on Jesus.

The second item **effective**, means ...

Effective: Having a definite effect or impact

Our busyness should point people to Jesus through our words and actions.

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The third item **discipline**, means...

Discipline: Bringing under control by training

Folks say they can't invest time with Jesus because they lack discipline. But what they mean is they aren't prepared to bring their lives under His control. Jesus will give you discipline and everything you need to do His will. Just ask and be prepared to follow Him!

Whether or not you know Christ, enter the "Time **BED**" daily. Listen for His voice and respond to His call? Next time you feel rushed, overwhelmed, and frustrated, ask these questions:

1. Am I investing time listening to God?
2. Am I doing what God wants me to do, or what I want to do?
3. Am I using busyness and lack of discipline as excuses?

The "Time **BED**" reminds us we have time to listen to God and learn His life changing principles including how to seek first His Kingdom and righteousness and become good stewards of His money. Daily we ought to choose to be busy and effective for Jesus. He provides the discipline if we are willing to receive it.

Today, if you face a difficult financial condition, rather than borrow more funds that will become a band-aid for a wound, lie in the "Time **BED**." Ask Jesus to search your heart and remove anything that's preventing you from seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness. Pray as David did in Psalm 139:23-24:

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Remember, nothing is impossible for Jesus. Know however, He uses past blunders to draw us closer to Him, and to protect us from repeating them. It's necessary to bear the effects of poor choices, but He will lead His children through them. Just be patient and willing to adjust your life to His ways. Make Jesus Lord of your money matters and every area of your life today.

I am excited about next time when we will look in more detail at spending by examining giving to God's kingdom.

God bless and remember Jesus loves you so much He died for you.