



## ALL IN MEN – STRONGHOLD OF PROSPERITY

### “What Are You Living for?”

Everyone has twenty-four hours in a day. Have you ever stopped and thought about what EXACTLY you do with this time? What takes priority? Is it your job, your family, your hobbies? The Bible says in Matthew 6:31, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Your time is placed on the things you feel are most important to your life. In a sense, how you “value” certain “people, places & things” will be reflected in the amount of time you pour into them. A key factor in being “All In” with Christ is to understand the importance of prioritizing your time so that you can be “God-focused” and not “me-focused.”

#### SELF-ASSESSMENT:

>Do you live life centered around what makes you happy?

No	Sort Of			Yes	
0	1	2	3	4	5

>Are you in love with your “stuff”?

No	Sort Of			Yes	
0	1	2	3	4	5

**\*PLEASE TAKE 5 MINUTES TO CONTEMPLATE** and list the top three things you (1) think about, (2) spend money on, and (3) spend time on?

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

#### CONTENT:

Matthew 6:33 says, “*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*” Is this a struggle for you? Are you able to seek Him “first” or do your current priorities make you “too busy for God”? Our priorities reveal our values, beliefs and what we are committed to, but they only provide lasting purpose, meaning and motivation when they are rooted in God.

Jesus was clear when He said in Luke 9:23, “*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*” However, it’s important to understand that God also wants to bless us. It is God’s desire to prosper us. Psalm 35:27 says “*Let them shout for joy, and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, Who has PLEASURE in the PROSPERITY of His servant.*” Luke 9:23 and Psalm 35:27 are not in contradiction with one another. They simply say that we must FIRST prioritize serving God and as we are obedient God takes pleasure in prospering us. Serving God comes first!

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- >What do you spend the most time on?
- >Are you seeking to serve your own needs and desires before serving God?
- >How do we discover how God wants each of us to serve Him?

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#### **CHALLENGE QUESTION:**

>What will it take for your priorities to change so that you are All In?

#### **GET PRACTICAL**

We live in a prosperous society where the love of pleasure, hobbies, stuff, and the pursuit of career is the norm. How can you balance these things with the call to be All-In for God?

**Allow** God to take priority in your heart.

**Live** a life that sets priorities based on God’s Word.

**Lead** others to Christ by your example.

**Increase** your understanding of God’s priorities.

**Never** let “stuff” take priority over the real treasures of life and heaven!

#### **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

Matthew 6:31, Matthew 6:33, Luke 9: 22-24, Psalm 35:27, Romans 12:1-2