



KINGDOM APPLICATION FOR LIVING

3-Priority Essentials



(This is a summary of Chapter 1 in Myles Munroe's book 'Applying the Kingdom')¹

Everyone is looking for a simple formula for success in life and to have one that's fulfilling. That's why self-help books and motivational speakers are so numerous. No one knows exactly what will give their life purpose and meaning until they find it. Many they believe it's love, while others think it's power and influence.

Most people have tragic lives, at one level or another, because they never find the key to life that's right for them. Many don't know how to make each day count and they live in a type of zombie life as they drift aimless along.

Here are 4 keys to shed light on why a purpose-filled life is so fulfilling:²

1. "The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but life without a purpose."
2. "The greatest challenge in life is knowing what to do."
3. "The greatest mistake in life is being busy, but not effective."
4. "The greatest failure in life is being successful in the wrong assignment."

Those points hold just as much for Christians as it does for non-Christians.

What are the secrets for success in life?

"As any successful person will tell you, one of the fundamental keys to success in any field of endeavor is learning to establish priorities and then living by them. Any activity that does not fit into or advance any of those priorities is put on the backburner or even eliminated, even if that activity is good in and of itself. Even good activities, if they are incompatible with our established priorities, can become unnecessary distractions that hinder our progress toward success."

What's a priority? A priority is the main thing we primarily focus on. It's the thing that we consider has the highest value and worth, compared to everything else. Identifying our priorities requires us to go through the process of prioritising. Prioritising is the process of ranking things in order of their importance, so we put 'first things first'. The list of priorities then determines where we spend our attention, time and energy.

Success boils down to how well we prioritise and then, how effectively we use our time and energy. An important point to remember in that context is: 'busyness doesn't necessarily equate to effectiveness'.

Here are some strategies for success:³

- "Success in life is the effective use of time."
- "Time is the true measure of life."
- "Time is also the currency of life."
- "How we spend our time determines the quality of our life and death."
- "Everything and everyone is after our time."
- Therefore, "the key to success is effective use of time, and the key to effective use of time is correct priorities."

1 – www.amazon.com.au/Applying-Kingdom-Rediscovering-Priority-Mankind-ebook/dp/B0051GN802

2 – The items in this list are all statements quoted from the book.

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It's important to know that 'good' is not always right. We can be easily distracted by good things which take the place of the right things. That makes us busy, but ineffective in life.

In that regard, Father isn't impressed with our business. He's not necessarily interested in us doing what's good. He's more interested in us aligning with him and what he wants us to do, not what we think we need to do. That's where the Kingdom definition of righteousness comes in: Righteousness is what he thinks is right for us to do. See how easily we can be unrighteous if we don't use the OT concept of sin as the determinant of righteousness.

Establishing priorities has the following positive effects:

- A preoccupation with priority will preserve and protect life.
- Having the correct priority is the principle that leads to real progress.
- Having the correct priority protects your time.
- Having the correct priority protects your gifts and talents.
- Having the correct priority protects your decisions-making.
- Having the correct priority fosters and protects discipline.
- Having the correct priority simplifies your life.

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