



KINGDOM APPLICATION FOR LIVING

5-Misplacing Priorities



(This is a summary of chapter 2 in Myles Munroe's book 'Applying the Kingdom')¹

Everyone wrestles with 2 problems relating to priorities:

- Having no priorities
- Having the wrong priorities (Misplaced priorities)

The absence of high priorities causes us to drift focus-less, without a sense of purpose or direction. Our energy and potential are used up as we dart off, here and there, doing a lots of things. This life usually ends up in boredom, lethargy and apathy.

Misplaced priority wastes our life on the wrong purpose as we do what we think is important. Our energy and potential are used up as we dart off, here and there in different directions, chasing this and that, in a endeavour to find meaning in life. We accomplish nothing vital, even though we do a lot.

It's very difficult to define our life's priorities unless we absolutely know our life's purpose because we've discovered it. That's because our purpose gives our life meaning and significance.

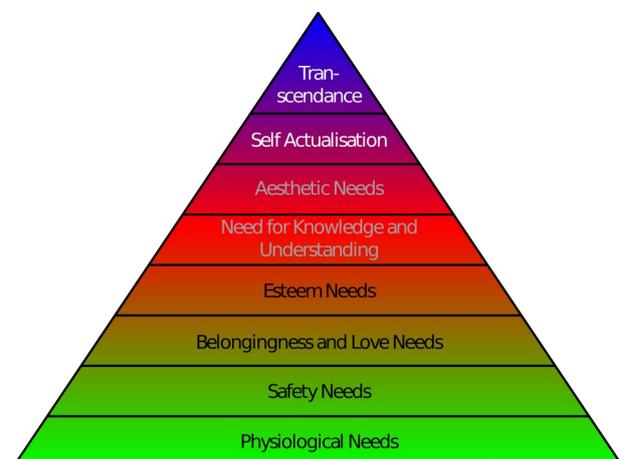
“Defining our life's priorities is extremely difficult unless we first discover and define our purpose. Purpose is defined as the original reason and intent for the creation of a thing. Therefore, purpose is the source of meaning and significance for all created things.”²

Having the wrong priorities is dangerous and detrimental to our life and our destiny. The results of this failing are:

1. Wasting time and energy
2. Busying on the wrong things
3. Doing what's unnecessary
4. Majoring on the unimportant
5. Preoccupation on what's irrelevant
6. Investment in the valueless
7. Activity which is ineffective
8. The misuse of gifts and talents
9. Forfeiture of life's purpose
10. Ending ultimately in failure

Maslow identified that people have a hierarchy of needs that they must meet to stay alive and function successfully.³ The drive of every person is to instinctively follow this list to achieve success in their life.

Unbeknown to the bulk of humanity, the Kingdom is guaranteed to meed all their needs, and, to be the source of their self actualization and transcendence. Therefore the priority of every person should be the Kingdom.



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People since the time of Nimrod have looked the 'the gods' to supply what they needed because life isn't reliable or easy. All religions, then, are built around the objective of meeting human needs. That includes the Christian religion which is designed to placate the angry god, Jehovah, even though his purpose has been to reverse the effects of The Fall and bring us back into his paradise in the here-&-now.

All religions:

- Primarily focus the needs of the worshipper
- Use petition and prayer for the supply of personal needs
- Are self-focused, promising to meet personal needs

Jesus said that pagans chase after their needs instead of having Father provide them. It could be said, then, that paganism is the religion of wanting to get your needs met by harnessing the spirit realm. If that's the case, then all religions are pagan because they don't align with the Kingdom.

Our priority for life, according to what Jesus said, is "Kingdom first". He came to reintroduce the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, so that maxim is the one he wants everyone to have as their priority.

We have expanded "Kingdom first" to the following motto:

- The King,
- The Kingdom, &
- The King's plans.

The purpose of the restatement of Jesus' priority was to make it more practical. The effect has been to focus us on those 3 main areas where our King has his priorities. He has the task of expanding the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth (as well as throughout the universe), so we need to align with him in those 3 main areas. Our relationship with him is the main priority, but we can't just make that the main thing and ignore the work that the Kingdom entails.

IN SUMMARY: "Get your priorities right."

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