

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33 (NIV)***

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

WHEN GOD IS FIRST...

1. IT DECREASES MY CAPACITY FOR NEGATIVE EMOTIONS

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Matthew 6:25 (NIV)

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

*Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? **Matthew 6:27 (NIV)***

*And why do you worry about clothes?... **Matthew 6:28 (NIV)***

*...See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **Matthew 6:28-30 (NIV)***

*So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV)***

2. IT INCREASES MY CAPACITY FOR EVERYTHING ELSE

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33 (NIV)***

3. IT GIVES ME THE ABILITY TO BE MY BEST TODAY

*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. **Mathew 6:34 (NIV)***

But when you pray...

This, then, is how you should pray:

*“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?