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## Lesson 7: How Can I Shift my Priorities (moving God to the top of the list)?

We're rounding the bend...almost done with MIC's Big 6! This week we'll focus on the following principle:



**God doesn't merely want to be on the top of our priority list, He wants to be the One setting our priorities...daily.**

### LET'S DISCUSS

How do you set your priorities for the day? Sticky notes? A calendar? A personal assistant? Darts? We all have a system; think for a moment about what your system is.

1) Explain how you perform the "setting the priorities" task each day. \_\_\_\_\_

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2) In your system, once a task is complete, what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) Do you try to put God on your priority list? If yes, does the "God task" always get done? Why/why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now, think about this:

*"Consider that if you set God as one among many priorities in your life, then obviously you are the one setting priorities, not God. As contrary as it may sound, God does not want to be a priority in our lives. He does not even want to be our first priority. He wants to be the One who sets the priorities."<sup>1</sup>*

4) Have you ever witnessed a person (or experienced for yourself) who seemed to let God prioritize their life? What evidence did you see that they were letting God lead their lives instead of just fitting Him in? \_\_\_\_\_

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The question becomes HOW do we let Him lead us and become our priority-maker? Being at weekly Bible study is a start! But how do we *really* take that next step and delve into a daily dependence on Him and His plan for our lives?

<sup>1</sup> Taken from [www.delveintojesus.com](http://www.delveintojesus.com), by Michael Lane.

Read Matthew 7:7-8.

- 5) What three things does Jesus tell us to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6) What do you think is the difference in these three things and why do you think He tells us to do all three (notice, this isn't an "either/or" statement.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ON YOUR OWN

Re-read Matthew 7:7-8.

Jesus came to show us how to live. He came to make a way for us to approach God. As we ask, seek, and knock *daily* we can move closer to letting go of the control and prioritizing that only He can truly manage with success!

- 7) How will you change your daily prioritizing this week to allow God the power to prioritize for you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (MSG) below:

<sup>5</sup>Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

<sup>6-9</sup>Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

- 8) What are some practical examples of how we can write God's Word on our hearts and on our children's hearts? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 9) Take some time this week to write out this verse and post it somewhere you'll see it all week. Use it as an example to daily let your every priority be His to order. And, use this verse as a reminder that "wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street" is an opportunity to teach our kids how to do the same.

10) Look over the lessons from the past 7 weeks. What the new revelations did God show you (either from other moms, the written lesson, time with your kids, or His Word)? \_\_\_\_\_

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11) Which lesson was the challenging for you and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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## WITH YOUR KIDDOS

Choose a time to approach your kids with an untied shoe and trip. Pretend that you didn't know how to tie the shoe. Ask your child to TELL you how to tie it. Pretend to have a difficult time following their verbal instructions (you may not have to pretend!!). Now ask them to SHOW you how. WOW WAY EASIER! Take this opportunity to explain that the Old Testament was God's way of telling us how to live. Jesus came to earth to SHOW us how to live so we could FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE. Following instructions is hard. Reading instructions is harder than following an expert who shows you how. Our Savior came to earth to SHOW us how to live.

Read 1 Peter 2:21.

12) ASK: What is ONE of the reasons Jesus came to earth according to this verse? \_\_\_\_\_

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13) ASK: How can we try to learn more about Jesus and follow His example? \_\_\_\_\_

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Give your kids a chance to share with *you* what they enjoyed about all the discussions you've had with them for the past few weeks. Commit to yourself to CONTINUE having these talks as you continue to seek God in your daily mom-life. Remember, just as He came to show us how to live, He gave us the gift of being the #1 influence on our kids and how they will live their lives.

14) ASK: What was your favorite lesson we talked about during my Bible study? \_\_\_\_\_

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