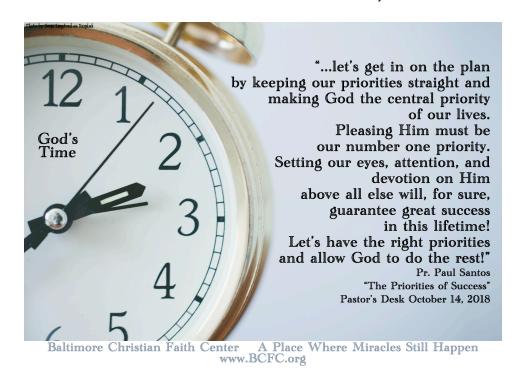
The Priorities of Success! Pastor's Desk – October 14, 2018



When it comes to financial priorities for Bible believers, there is an erroneous concept that God doesn't like nor wants His people to be financially prosperous. And some will go as far as to use the Bible. What a mistaken idea!

We read in the Bible in Mat. 6:24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." For starters, God isn't against us having money and lots of it! What God is against is money having us! I firmly believe, God is not happy when we make money our priority and put our trust in it, instead of Him.

Why? God knows money makes a lousy god with very limited power that can only go so far and only do so much. It has limited buying power! How?? Well, if we need healing from cancer or any incurable disease, money will not permanently help at all. If our families are falling apart, money will not mend it. Now when we make God the priority of our lives, His priority will reach and affect every area of our lives.

We read in Mat. 6:33, "Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met." (MSG) or yet: Mat. 6:33: Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (NLT) Our God is a generous God who wants you and I to have the best in our lives, while here on earth, just as we desire the best for our children!

My suggestion is, let's get in on the plan by keeping our priorities straight and making God the central priority of our lives. Pleasing Him must be our number one priority. Setting our eyes, attention, and devotion on Him above all else will, for sure, guarantee great success in this lifetime! Let's have the right priorities and allow God to do the rest!

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