

Matthew 13:47-50

PRIORITIES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Mathematics
Order of
Operations

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Expression solved from Left to Right

$$\begin{aligned} & 6 \times 3 + 4 \times (9 \div 3) \\ & \underline{6 \times 3} + 4 \times (9 \div 3) \\ & \underline{18 + 4} \times (9 \div 3) \\ & \underline{22} \times (9 \div 3) \\ & \underline{198} \div 3 \\ & = 66 \quad \times \end{aligned}$$

Expression solved using Order of Operations (PEMDAS)

$$\begin{aligned} & 6 \times 3 + 4 \times (9 \div 3) \\ & 6 \times 3 + 4 \times \underline{(9 \div 3)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P} \\ & 6 \times 3 + 4 \times 3 \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \\ & 18 + 4 \times 3 \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \\ & 18 + 12 \rightarrow \mathbf{A} \\ & = 30 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

What Are Your Priorities?

- **John 14:15** - “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”
- **Colossians 3:2** - Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Guidelines For Setting Life's Priorities

1. God First
2. Focus
3. What is Your End Goal/Reward?

God First

- **Matthew 13:44** - ⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Godly vs Worldly Priorities

- **Proverbs 16:9** - ⁹The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.
- **Colossians 3:23-24** - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Godly vs Worldly Priorities

- **Ecclesiastes 5:10** - He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

Cannot Serve Two Masters

- **Proverbs 11:4** - ⁴ Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- **Matthew 6:24** - ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Focus

- **Matthew 13:45-46** - ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Eye is the Lamp of the Body

- **Matthew 6:22-23** – ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- How do your eyes view the world around you?
- In what way does your vision/eyes help establish the priorities for your life?
- Are your eyes filtering your priorities in a Godly or Worldly Manner?

Lord, Open My Eyes

- **Psalm 119:18** - Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

What is the End Goal/Reward?

- **Matthew 13:47-50** - ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

PRIORITIES DETERMINE YOUR PLACE IN ETERNITY

- **Psalm 52:7** - “See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!”
- **Galatians 6:7-8** - ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

The Angels Come to Separate

- **Matthew 13:49(b)-50** - The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 19:22-26 - ²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’