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Pastor and Sis. McKinney, along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.

We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. If you have any questions feel free to contact our ushers or staff. Connect with CAC today and let CAC be your home church.

We hope to see you in future services!

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## WHAT IS *FIRST* IN YOUR LIFE?

**Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When you do a search on the word *first* in the Bible, you will find that it has 430 matches. Webster's Dictionary defines first as: "being before all others with respect to time, order, rank, importance, etc., used as the ordinal number of one". Just from the definition of the word *first*, we see the importance of what we consider to be first in our lives. Because whatever that first is, it is going to be *before everything else, given priority in time over everything else, higher on our list than*

*anything else, prioritized above everything else, and more important than anything else.* It does matter what you seek first in your life!

The Scripture in Matthew 6:33 instructs us on how to have everything in our lives that we need provided. It is not going to be by our overtime at work, our long hours at our business, or our financial proficiency, but the *key* to making ends meet and having what we need is as simple as putting or should I say seeking the kingdom of God first! Putting God first in our lives *assures* us that we won't have to worry about the necessities of life.

So why is it, with such a powerful promise as this, that folks don't automatically follow Matthew 6:33? Well, it is simply because we are people of reason. Our humanity causes us to look at a situation, assess the situation, and then figure out if we can meet the obligations of that situation. For instance, when you go and buy an automobile, the majority of people look at the vehicle, assess the *likeability* and capabilities of the vehicle, and then figure out if they can afford the payments. Very few people, buy a vehicle without a plan to pay for it. And when that happens, they usually end up losing it.

Why do folks gamble with their lives by not seeking God first? Why do folks think they can't *afford* to put God first? Why is it that many folks try to look within their own capabilities to make their lives better? Why is it that many folks spend a lifetime, sacrificing their time, and their health to obtain a small portion of wealth that can be lost or spent quicker than you can say "wealth"? All these are good questions, and questions that we should all ask ourselves.

Luke 12:15 says: "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." And then read verses 16-30 (use your Bible) and when you come to verse 31, it says, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." We can spend a lifetime working for things that will never satisfy. We can spend all of our energies and resources working and struggling to make ends meet, when the blessing of having what you need or will ever need is found in the simplicity of putting God first. It does matter what you seek first in your life!