



# Women Devoted to God

Lesson 08

## *Priorities: Living a Grace-Paced Life*

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*So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,  
to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work  
and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

Colossians 1:10

## *What are priorities?*

### **Definition of Priority**

### **Biblical basis**

*I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work  
which You have given Me to do. (John 17:4)*

## *Spiritual priorities*

*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)*

Our relationship with God is priority! That means there has to be time in our day to be in the Word, to be in the presence of God, to be listening to God, and to be responding to God.

## *Ministry Priorities*

*For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. (Hebrews 6:10)*



## *Family Priorities*

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:10-11)*

# *Personal Priorities*

*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (I Corinthians 10:31)*



## *Maintaining Priorities*

*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1)*

# *God's Providence and My Priorities*

*Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,<sup>13</sup> so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else.  
(Philippians 1:12-13)*

*“Frustrating human efficiency  
is one of God’s primary means  
of sanctifying grace.”*

*John Piper*

It's an incredible relief to realize that:

- I don't have to do everything there is to be done.
- I don't have to do everything I want to do.
- I don't have to do everything I think needs to be done.
- I don't have to do everything that everyone else thinks I need to do.
- **All I have to do is find out what is the work that God has given me to do—and do it!**

## *Book Recommendations:*

*Discipline: the Glad Surrender* by Elisabeth Elliot

*Keeping the Heart: How to Maintain Your Love for God*

by John Flavel

*Refresh: Embracing a Grace-Paced Life in a World of Endless Demands* by Shona and David Murray