



“First things First”
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TALK IT OVER

It helps you grow to think it over, then share with friends

What is the meaning of life? What is it all about?

What is my purpose? Vision = *Why* do I exist?

We exist to [Love God](#), [Love Others](#) and [Make Disciples](#).

Mark 12:29-31

Matthew 28:19-20

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But seek *first* [God’s] kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matt. 6:33

1. First part of each day: [Seek God](#) Ps. 63:1 / Mark 1:35
2. First Day of Week: [Worship](#) Acts 20:7 / Heb. 10:25
3. First of the Month: [Tithe](#). Lev. 27:30 / 2 Cor. 9:7
4. First of the Year: [Fast](#) Gal.5:16-17 / Joel 1:14 / Mt. 6:17-18
5. Make Your First Priority: [Love](#) I Cor. 14:1

Followers of Jesus:

⇒ “If you want **better** – put *First things First!* Which of the *Five Firsts* will you add to your life starting January 2019?”

✓ **Life change happens as you live out God’s truth daily.**

- What did you write for the kind of year you had in 2018?

- Read Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 28:19-10. How have you seen Jesus follow through on His promise in verse 20? How will you respond to His command this next year?

- Of the Five Firsts – which do you believe would make the biggest difference in your 2019? Why did you pick that one?

- Which one of the Five Firsts will you commit to *add* to your life starting in January 2019?

What’s your first step to put God first in your life? What specifically will you commit to this week?

First Things First

January's Memory Verse – *Let love be your highest goal.*
1 Corinthians 14:1

Monday 12/31- Read Philippians 3:8-14

Question: What one thing does Paul focus his thinking on by forgetting what is behind and pressing on forward?

Truth: *I press on to reach the end of the race and **receive the heavenly prize** for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*
Vs. 14

Meditate: Proverbs 29:18 (NLT)- *When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.*

Prayer: Lord, give me guidance and help me focus on Godly goals in 2019.

Action: Make a list of Godly goals for 2019, that with God's help I can accomplish.

God's list for my 2019 goals:

Tuesday 1/1- Read 1 Corinthians 9:22-27

Question: How does Paul focus his energy to meet his Godly goal "to save some"?

Truth: *When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.* Vs. 22

Meditate: 1 Corinthians 9:23- *I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.*

Prayer: Lord, you are always with me. May others see your Lordship working in my life.

Action: *So I run with purpose in every step.* Vs. 26

People I will find common ground with in 2019:

Wednesday 1/2- Read Proverbs 11:27

Question: Why is it beneficial to create good godly goals?

Truth: *If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you!*

Meditate: Proverbs 15:9 - *The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue godliness.*

Prayer: Father God, I desire to find your favor and your blessing in my life

Action: Pursue good goals and be blessed by God.

What God is telling me:

Thursday 1/3- Read Matthew 9:27-31

Question: Should my goals help stretch my faith?

Truth: YES! Godly Goals will stretch my faith. *"Because of your faith, it will happen."* Vs. 29

Meditate: Romans 1:17- *This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."*

Prayer: Lord God, my faith is in YOU each and every day of my life.

Action: Live by FAITH!

What God is telling me:

Friday 1/4- Read 1 Corinthians 14:1

Question: What should be my highest goal for 2019?

Truth: *Let love be your highest goal!*

Meditate: Ephesians 4:15 – *Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.*

Prayer: Father God, help me to be more loving to others and share the Good News with them.

Action: Demonstrate my love for God by loving others.

Worship God and love others by:
