Review: Biblical Priorities “Pop Quiz”

To what degree have you taken specific steps in the following areas?

(1 = none; 2 = little; 3 = started and doing okay; 4 = making good progress; 5 = vigorously pursuing)

☐ Objectives: Moving from vague ideas to specific decisions about the kind of person I want to become and what I want to accomplish.

☐ Priorities: Ordering my life in such a way that the important and eternal are not forfeited by the "pressing" and the "urgent."

☐ Schedule: Determining specifically how and when I will place the important and eternal in my daily life.

☐ Discipline: Doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done (i.e. choosing to habitually delay gratification of short-term pleasures in order to more fully enjoy long-term success).

☐ Accountability: Enlisting the support of those who love me to help me keep my commitments to God.
**Jesus' Warning #1:**

In our pursuit of "seeking first" His righteousness there is the...

...danger of ________________.

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**Matthew 5 Overview**

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**True Righteousness**

(Matthew 5:20)

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Application of Matthew 5:20 to...

- Murder – 5:21-26
- Adultery – 5:27-30
- Divorce – 5:31-32
- Oaths – 5:33-37
- Retribution – 5:38-41
- Enemies – 5:43-48

Summary: Jesus condemns _______________ righteousness (spiritual activities) when it does not flow from _______________ relationship with God.

Jesus' Warning #2:

In our pursuit of "seeking first" His righteousness there is also the…

...danger of _______________.

Matthew 6:1-18

- Giving – Key Issue = _______________ Matthew 6:1-4
- Prayer– Key Issue = _______________ Matthew 6:5-8
- Fasting – Key Issue = _______________ Matthew 6:16-18
Summary: Spiritual disciplines are ________________ but become dangerous when they become means to gain the ________________ of men rather than deepen our ________________ with God.

Application: ________________ is God’s method of keeping our motives pure.

Discussion Questions:

1. In brief, summarize the two principles taught today with regard to discipline in our spiritual lives: the principles of distortion and deception.

2. How is it that even our efforts to draw near to God can sometimes be destructive to our relationship with God?

3. What aspect of this message hit “closest to home” with you? Why?

4. Discuss the balance needed with regard to our will and effort, God’s grace, accountability and maintaining pure motives as they relate to “seeking first” His righteousness in your life right now?