

# Priorities

(1 Thessalonians 2:1-13)

- Introduction:
1. Priorities stand before us as a daily struggle.
  2. Each day, our values, things we deem to be important, are challenged by the everyday routines of life.
  3. Rather than you stating your own priorities, what would your family, best friend, or your neighbor say your priorities were? This may be a little more honest and accurate.
  4. Let's examine some of the priorities in the apostle Paul's life.

## I. Be Biblical

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4).
- B. His life was firmly fixed on the importance of Scripture.
- C. (1 Corinthians 15:30-32).
- D. (Psalm 119:11).
- E. (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
- F. (Galatians 4:16).
- G. (Hosea 4:6).
- H. (Matthew 24:35).

## II. Be Authentic

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).
- B. (Philippians 1:15-16).
- C. (1 Timothy 6:5).

## III. Be Gracious

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-11).
- B. Are we more abrasive and judgmental than we are compassionate and tolerant?
- C. Paul not only preached, but he gave his life.
- D. (Micah 6:8)
- E. (James 2:13).

## IV. Be Relevant

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:12-13).
- B. There must be a link between our walk and our talk.
- C. (Romans 2:1-24).
- D. Christianity must become more than theological arguments, but it must become a practical way of life if it is to be accepted.

- Conclusion:
1. Be sure and establish some personal priorities.
  2. Once established, live by them.