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Prioritizing Actual Priorities

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*"Action expresses priorities."
- Mohandas Gandhi*

In the world we live in today, sometimes it can be hard knowing what you should be doing, or what matters most. There are so many different decisions to make, and it feels like sometimes one wrong choice can ruin your life.

The goal is to seek after God, as it also says in Deuteronomy 6:5: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." We want our hearts to be where God is. And where God is, our priorities will be.

But even though we know this, it can *still* be hard. Things don't always come easily, but that's just part of living life. And it's *okay* if we mess up, because God is forgiving, as it says in 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Always get back up, confess your failure, anger and disobedience, because the goal isn't to be perfect, but to strive for righteousness, and overcome our life challenges with Jesus. He should be our *above all* priority. Then, when we are following Jesus, we will know what we should be doing.

(Scripture from the NASB version).

Where Anger Gets You

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Many times when something goes differently than we planned, we respond in frustration, allowing ourselves to get worked up over something that really isn't that big of a deal. And what even does our anger accomplish?

Proverbs 16:32 says, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Being able to control our mindset is more powerful than violent anger. Anger seems like quite a force at first, but the Bible says that we are actually stronger when we stay in control of our thoughts and words.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 says, "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools." Anger demonstrates the foolishness in our hearts. When we are angry at things not going our way, it puts our selfishness on display and we will most likely regret later the things we say."

Proverbs 22:24 says, "Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go." None of us want to be around someone who gets angry at any given point. Not only is it scary and discouraging, but it can cause rifts in friendships when anger is a large part of someone's life.

We shouldn't be close friends with someone whose anger is constantly being shown. Their mindset can rub off on us. If anger gets us only false strength, foolishness, and ruined friendships, how can we stay away from it?

A pastor once said, "When you are angry, ask yourself: 'Is my anger based on things God would be angry about, or is it based on me and my desires?'"

Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." When you are tempted to lash out at someone, be the bigger person and remember that if your anger isn't towards something God would hate, it is misplaced.

(All Scripture taken from the KJV Bible Version.)

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