

Kingdom Vision and Priority Setting

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IGSL's mandate to raise up servant-steward leaders requires us to be mindful of the usage of our time. Do you know that you and I will be held accountable before God for the time misspent in our life? Time management issue is keenly knotted in the priority setting in our life.

Kingdom Vision

- Both the foremost portion of the Lord's Prayer and command of Matthew 6:33 remind us to seek the lifestyle of glorifying God's name, bringing God's kingdom and accomplishing God's will before anything else. This is the **kingdom vision**.
- A research of Harvard's Center for Public Leadership suggests anyone aspiring to become a world-changer must pursue the lifestyle of adequate priority setting. Researchers conducted a 25-year long research with youths with similar IQs and background, who were each given three items (rocks, pebbles and sand) to fill an empty jar in any way they wished. The only condition is to maximize the space inside the jar.

Most of the 3% of youths who filled his/her jar with rocks, pebbles and sand in order (from the largest to smallest) grew up to be global leaders after 25 years.

Most of the 20% who filled the jar with pebbles and sand in order, leaving no space for rocks to put afterwards, grew up to be professionals in their own fields, stretching their influences out to the community level.

Most of the 70% who filled the jar only with sand to leave no space later either for rocks or pebbles grew up to be middle class citizens.

Most of the 7% who for some reason could not fill the jar with any of the given items turned out to be marginalized, lower class people.

Priority Setting and Time Management

- The **rocks** symbolize the life **purpose** for a Christian: that is to glorify God's name, bring His kingdom and accomplish His will. **Pebbles** represent the **tool** with which we may fulfill that purpose, such as our professions, occupations, positions, talents, gifting, etc. Lastly, **sand** stands for **procedure** that enables us to acquire the particular tool.
- However, our priorities often conflict one another in real life. That is why Christian leaders need to consider applying the following 4 **D** time management rules in everyday life.

URGENT	IMPORTANT	ACTION
O	X	Delegate it
X	O	Delay it
O	O	Do it
X	X	Ditch it

- Our priority set in biblical mindset of stewards should rule our time management. Everybody has 24 hours a day. “I don’t have time!” actually means “It is not in my priority.” I challenge all of us to think about our own priorities and specifically set them up before too late. *So what would be your priorities (from #1 to #5 at least)?*

Biblical Concept of Time

- *Time does not flow.* Rather, you and I *make history* as we utilize God-given time as His *stewards*. Begin your first time of the day with the Lord, then he will give you the rest of your day in a most arranged, controlled and meaningful way.
- All the more, a Christian should know how to steward his/her time wisely. Learn to say *no* and set a boundary. It takes art to do so sometimes, but it will eventually enrich your life. Such a life must be lived well: to glorify God’s name, bring His kingdom and accomplish His will by the time we stand before the One who has lent us beautiful gifts of life and time while living on earth.