Who has the 1st Place?

Seek First | Week 1

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KEY TRUTH: God doesn't want your money. God wants your heart.

Seek first God's Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Our culture tells us to pursue more money, security, possessions, comfort and success. Jesus calls us to a different priority: worship, trust and building His Kingdom rather than our own.

The goal is not simply to give more money, but to experience the freedom of a heart surrendered to Jesus.

1) Our treasure reveals our heart

Matthew 6:19–21

Jesus contrasts temporary treasures on earth with lasting treasures in heaven: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

God wants more than external actions. He wants our love, devotion, time, attention and every part of our lives.

"Give me all of you! ... I want you." — C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Revival begins not merely "out there," but in hearts fully surrendered to God.

Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; acknowledge Him in all your ways.

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

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2) We cannot serve two masters

Matthew 6:24 "You cannot serve both God and money."

Money itself is not the problem; serving money is. Our job, family, hobbies, preferences, comfort, security, finances and possessions must not take God's place.

1 Timothy 6:9–10 The desire to be rich can lead into temptation; the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Matthew 22:37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

3) Jesus transforms the heart

Ezekiel 36:26 God promises a new heart and a new spirit, replacing a stubborn heart with one that is responsive to Him.

External religion	**Heart transformation**
• Changes behavior	• Changes desires
• Focuses on rule keeping	• Focuses on loving Jesus and others
• Asks, "What must I do?"	• Asks, "Who am I becoming?"
• Gives God certain areas of life	• Surrenders every area of life
• "I have to give"	• "I get to give"

John 3:16 | The gospel invitation: surrender your life to Jesus and receive new life.

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