

**Putting God 1st**  
**Matt 6:33, Heb 11:6**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of placing God first.

Intro:

1. What do we mean when we say we are putting God 1st?(is it just a phrase we say, do you think you are doing this when you come to services on Sunday, perhaps only on Sunday morning?).
2. How do we put God 1st, everyday?
3. We can learn how to do this by the examples and teachings we find in the Bible.

I. Putting God first in

A. In our priority list

1. We put Him first by being at the services of the church including Sunday and Wednesday night services (**Heb 10:24-25**).
2. If we want to learn more about God and His word and follow the command of fellowshiping with one another, what must we do? We must be present (**2 Tim 2:15**).

B. In our daily lives

1. We should live lives that show we are trying to do what pleases God (**Titus 2:11-12**)
2. Our co-workers, family and friends can see Christ in us, in our daily lives (**Matt 5:14-16**).

C. In our worship to Him

1. We show God we put Him first when we worship according to His design and desire and not our own (**Leviticus 10:1-3**)
2. God is serious about how we worship Him, sincerity is not enough (**Mt 15:8**)

II. When we put Him 1st...

A. We show God how important He is to us.

1. Job showed how important God was to him daily, and God recognized that (**Job 1:8**)
2. We can do the same by: praying(**Heb 4:16**), by studying His word (**Ps 1:2**), and by being obedient to His commands (**2 Peter 3:14-17**).

B. We show others what is important to us.

1. Others see our lives, hear our speech and see our priorities and they recognize who and what they are centered on, God and His Word.
2. We strive to “walk” or live as Christ-like as possible (**1 Jn 2:6**).

C. An Example of those who put God 1st.

- 1. Enoch (Heb 11:5, Jude 14-15)**
2. Abraham (**Gen 12:1, Heb 11:8**)
3. Paul turned from his ways and followed God (**Acts 9:3ff, Acts 9:22**).
4. Christ (**Lk 22:42, John 19:30b**)

### III. When we don't put God first..

#### A. God is displeased

1. If we turn from God and do not put Him 1st, we will not be blessed by Him (**1 Kings 9:6-9**).
2. God wants to be pleased when He looks upon us, and He will not be if we have not put Him first (**Ps 14:2**).

#### B. Others are hindered

1. When we do not put God first our fellow brethren are hindered (**Gal 2:11-13**).
2. Our own family members could be hindered as well; children, grandchildren, etc.

#### C. Our souls are put at risk.

1. When God is not the most important person in our life, we put our own salvation on the line. God must come first (**Mk 12:30**)
2. If fall away from God, we fall away from eternal rest awaiting those who are faithful (**Col 2:18a**).

#### Conc:

1. What must we do? Everyday, in ways that others can see? We must put God first!
2. When God is 1st He is well pleased, and we will be well rewarded.
3. Today, are you putting God first, what about Monday-Saturday, is God still first!?
4. Invitation