

What Others Have Written On “Putting the Kingdom of God First”

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“Seek” means to search for, strive for, aim; his kingdom should be the chief aim of all; it should be first in time and first in importance. The kingdom of God, which is the church of God, is of greatest importance and must be so regarded by all who would follow Jesus. We should seek not to accumulate food and raiment, nor to hoard wealth, but the things which belong to the kingdom of God. Our anxiety should not be for material things, but for the kingdom of God...” ~ *Commentary on Matthew*, p. 170

Robertson L. Whiteside

The wording of this command shows that we should seek the necessary things of life, but that we must make the kingdom of God and his righteousness the main object of all our endeavors. In all of our plans these must come first. We must seek to enter the kingdom, and then to make ourselves into useful and faithful citizens. ... And the Lord’s language here shows that entrance into His kingdom and obtaining His righteousness are *conditional*; we must seek them. This must be first and uppermost in everything we do. In doing this we will work to make an honest living and to be able to help the needy and worthy causes, for God requires us to do so. ~ *Bible Studies*, volume 4, p. 146

J.W. Mc Garvey

The kingdom of heaven is the real object of our search. It must be sought first both in point of time and of interest, and it must be kept ever first in our thoughts after it is found. ~ *Fourfold Gospel*, p. 259

A.T. Robertson

Jesus in the Beatitudes drew the picture of the man with the new heart. Here he places the Kingdom of God and His righteousness before temporal blessings (food and clothing). ~ *Word Pictures of the New Testament*, vol. 1, p. 59

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