

Teacher Devotional

Lesson 1 - I Will Show That Jesus Is Number One In My Life!

BIBLE LESSON: Palm Sunday and the Triumphal entry - Luke 19:28-40

BIBLE VERSE: "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23b (NLT)

You have not really settled your priorities until you have had to make a difficult choice. It is easy to say that your child's education is important. It is difficult when money is tight, to cancel your cable service so that you can keep saving money toward that education. The essence of having priorities is making choices. You set priorities ahead of time, but in the moment of choice, you still have to act to live up to those priorities. Otherwise, they are just words.

When Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem riding a donkey, it was a polarizing moment. People chose one side or the other. They worshiped Him or they plotted against Him. Some people waved palm branches and laid down their coats to honor Him. Other people challenged and confronted Him. In that moment, it wasn't hard to see where people stood. Just like that moment in Jerusalem, there are moments in your life that will show where you stand, what crowd you are a part of, and who Jesus is to you. Is He the King of Kings? Or just some teacher?

To follow Jesus and make Him your priority, you have to "turn from your selfish ways." In what selfish ways are you making things, people, and events in your life more important than Jesus?

Set following Jesus as your top, first priority. When things in your life challenge His position, that moment is your chance to show the world who Jesus is by choosing Him.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:33 (NLT)