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Series: Making Your Life Count Forever

Today's Message: Putting God First

Three Thoughts:

- 1) Matthew 6:1 I must beware of putting myself and my desire to be noticed before God and so _____ others from seeing a Loving Father God.
- 2) Matthew 6:19-21, 24 I must not allow anyone or anything to take the _____ that belongs to God and God alone.
- 3) Matthew 6:25, 33 God alone must be on the throne of my life—in my heart, mind, soul: to love Him first.

Gospel Prayer Part 1: Focuses on our assurance of God's _____ of us in Christ.

Gospel Prayer Part 2: "Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy."

Truth: This moves us to reflect on how great a _____ this acceptance truly is!!

Dealing With Idols:

1. What Are Your Idols? - "Idolatry Detection Test"

- * What is the one thing you must hope is in your future?
- * What is the one thing you worry most about losing?
- * If you could change one thing about yourself right now, what would it be?
- * What triggers depression in you?
- * Where do you turn for comfort when things aren't going well?

2. Quit Trying To Make God A Partner in Your Idolatry

- * James 4:3, 4

3. Our Idols Leave Us Empty

- * Loneliness and insecurity are only cured by God: 1 John 4:18

4. We Must Learn: Jesus Satisfies

- * Philippians 4:12, 13
- * Learning to be fully satisfied in God's presence and acceptance frees me to enjoy everything else and not to be enslaved by them.