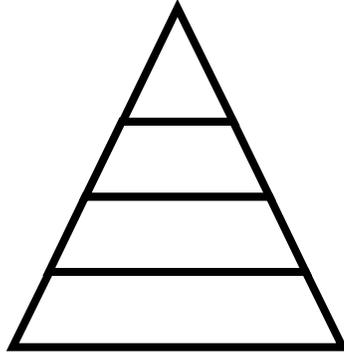


# First Things First

My priority pyramid:



**Colossians 1:16** (NIV84): ...All things were created by him and for him.

**John 17:3** (GW): "...This is eternal life, to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent."

**Jeremiah 2:13**: "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

**Matthew 19:5**: "'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh....'"

**Ephesians 5:25**: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her....

**Colossians 3:23** (TEV): Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.

**Ecclesiastes 4:8** (NIV/NLT): There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. "For whom am I toiling," he asked, "and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?" It is all so meaningless and depressing.

Turn your time tank \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Transformed by the Truth

## Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Build your own priority pyramid, using these four blocks: work, children, spouse, God. Why did you choose the order you did?
2. Do you think the culture you live in is friendly to your priorities? Why or why not?
3. Read Colossians 1:16 and Jeremiah 2:13. Where does time with God fit into your schedule? What could you do this week to make time with Him a higher priority?
4. Read Ephesians 5:25 and Titus 2:4. Which is a higher priority to you: your relationship with your spouse or your kids? What do you need to do to maintain or alter your family priorities?
5. Read Colossians 3:23 and Ecclesiastes 4:8. Are you satisfied with the time you commit to your work? If you are over-committed, how can you carve out more time for your most important relationships?