

Eagles' WINGS ON



This is always a great challenge. It is very easy to get our priorities all mixed up and fail to do what is most important **first**. I have been meditating on this over the past days and have been struck by a number of key issues.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks about the importance of living in harmony and peace with your fellow believers. He says, *“Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to you brother; then come and offer your gift.”* Forgiveness and reconciliation are a **first**, it is so important that we do not live with unresolved conflict.

Then there is that wonderful story in I Kings 17 when Elijah speaks to the widow at Zarephath. All she can see is famine and death, but Elijah has words of life and hope. The instructions are, *“Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me.”* In times of hardship

it is easy to concentrate on our lack. To give **first** to God and to others is a vital spiritual principle. Her courage and faith brought her miracle provision that lasted until the financial crisis was passed. In these days of economic difficulty, don’t forget to give **first** to God.

In Matthew 6, Jesus was telling his listeners of God’s faithfulness in providing for his people. He said, *“If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”* but he continues with these words, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* Job, family and recreations are all competing for our time, don’t forget to seek **first** his kingdom.

What do you do **first**? Forgive, give, seek his kingdom – and God has promised that you will live in peace, with full provision and blessing.

What do you do first?

Charles Writes:

