

The best decision for 2016

*“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously,
and he will give you everything you need.” Matt 6:33^{NLT}*

What is the Kingdom of God?

Lords prayer “Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matt 6:10

Jesus said, “For the Kingdom of God is already among you.” Luke 17:21b

Kingdom of God = wherever Jesus rules.

²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life...” Matt 6:25a

I. Everyday living

i. Finance

ii. Food & things

iii. Fitness

iv. Friends

v. Family

vi. Fashion

II. Kingdom living

i. Jesus first in my Finance

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ *Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matt 6:19-21*

ii. Jesus first in my Thinking

“Isn’t life more than food...? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?” Matthew 6:25b-26

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matt 6:21

iii. Jesus first in my Fitness

“...and your body...” Matt 6:25

iv. Jesus first in my Friendships

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matt 6:14-15

v. Jesus first in my Family

“If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.” Matt 10:37

vi. Jesus first in my Fashion

“If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss ... whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than... your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

²⁷⁻²⁹ *“Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever got taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them...*

People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

³⁴ *“Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.”*

Matthew 6:25-34 Message Translation