





What is important?

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How do you know what is important in your life?

- You might judge what is important by what would you miss most if you lost it?
 - Life
 - Health
 - Family
 - Civil liberties
 - Happiness
 - Truth
 - Love




How do you know what is important in your life?

- Or, what do you spend the most time on/with? Where do you invest your time?
 - Job
 - Career
 - Work
 - TV
 - Computer
 - Games
 - Reading




How do you know what is important in your life?

- You might judge what is important by, what do you spend the most money on?
 - Housing
 - Food
 - Beer/wine/liquor
 - Gambling
 - Racing
 - School




How do you know what is important in your life?

- How do you answer the question, “What is the most important things in your life?”
- This is what you “say” is important. Is this a valid measure of what is important in your life?
- I think so.



How do you know what is important in your life?

- What would others say is the most important thing in your life?
 - Your parents
 - Your spouse
 - Children
 - Your boss at work
 - Your friends
- What do they say appears to be most important to you?



How do you know what is important in your life?

- At the web site 43things.com, they ask the question, “What do you want to do with your life?”
- They once listed the following breakdown of what people had said they wanted to do in their life.

want to	# of responses
travel	766
learn/improve music	481
improve health	449
write	305
exercise	298
learn	294
create art	278
love	271
family	263
worship God	7



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So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. – Matthew 6:31-34



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Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

– Matthew 23:23



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"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." – Mark 12:28-30



What should be important?

You know the answer to this, but I'll tell you anyway. The following should be important to you in the order given:

- Your relationship to God
- Your obligatory debt to your country
- Your relationship to your spouse
- Your relationship to your children
- Your job – God provided work for man and it is important that he work
- Your parents
- Your fellow man